Rush Medical College
Class of 2002

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The anchor cross, as an early religious symbol, has a universal meaning. From early times, the anchor and its crosspiece carried messages of steadfastness and hope for those at sea. These symbols were incorporated into the logo of Presbyterian-St. Luke's Hospital in the mid-20th century. With the merger of Rush Medical College and Presbyterian-St. Luke's in 1969, a stylized version of the anchor was developed to remind us of our lasting values, dating back to our charter granted in 1837. As a whole, the Rush seal symbolizes a new concept of medical care and service for our community - with the same steadfastness and hope as originally intended.

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Dear Rush Medical College 2002 Graduates:

I'm thrilled to offer you my congratulations on the completion of your degree at Rush Medical College. On behalf of the faculty and staff in the Office of Medical Student Programs we wish you the best in your future academic and personal endeavors.

As you turn your attention toward the next phase of training, I would like to reflect on the influence you have had on Rush. It is easy to review the changes and accomplishments within each of you as a result of the educational program however; you have changed Rush also. You have added much to Rush through changes in the courses and curriculum, additional community service projects and new student organizations. Through your daily interactions you have had impact on faculty, fellow students and of course your patients and their families.

We, the faculty, thank you for challenging us, taking the time to show us another way and for being an important part of our lives. It is with pride that we watch you step into the role of mentor, faculty and colleague.

Good Luck!

Sincerely,

Sue Jacob

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RUSH MEDICAL COLLEGE
FACULTY AWARDS
FROM THE CLASS OF 2002

Nathan Smith Award THOMAS HOEPPNER, PH.D.

This award is presented to the member of the A.C. faculty who has demonstrated outstanding ability and dedicated service in the basic and behavioral sciences.

Brainard Award FRANK HUGHES, PH.D.

This award is presented to the member of the faculty who has demonstrated outstanding ability and dedicated service in the basic and behavioral sciences.

Phoenix Award KEITH MILLIKAN, M.D.

This award is presented to the instructor who has exhibited excellence in medical education and the professional and personal qualities the class would like to obtain as physicians.

Aesculapius Award JONATHAN SONG, M.D.

This award is presented to the outstanding resident-physician or fellow, in recognition for excellence in teaching and patient care.

Hooder JILL PORTER, M.S.ED.

This honor is presented to the faculty member who will present the hoods at the Commencement ceremony.

RUSH MEDICAL COLLEGE CLASS OF 2002
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GERARD DYSICO, M.D.

Class Respondent at the Commencement Banquet
KRISTOPHER MCDONOUGH, M.D.

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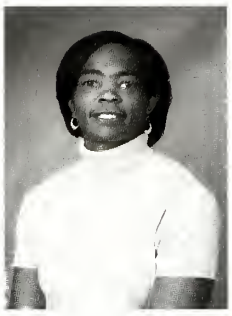

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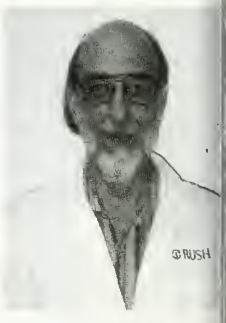

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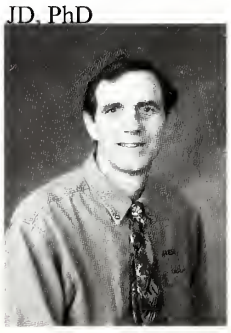

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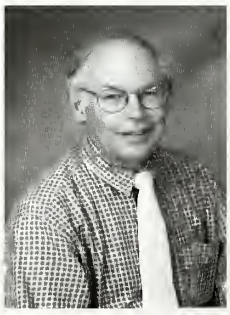

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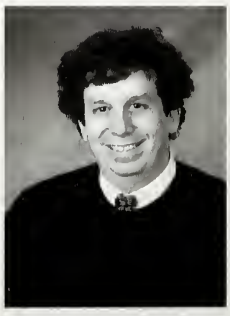

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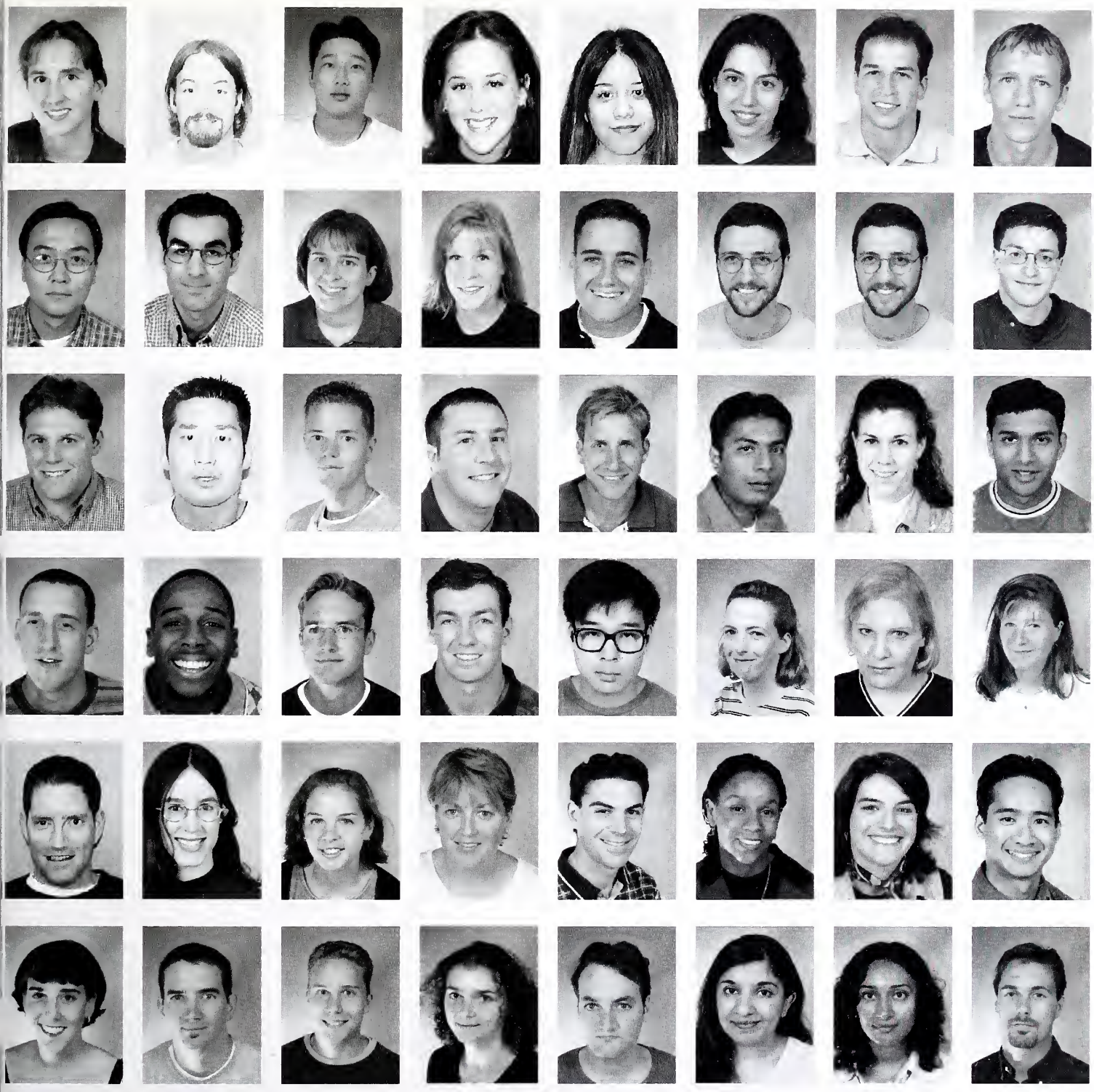
Flashback

1998



Classmates beginning medical school earlier than 1998 are not pictured secondary to technologic issues. Please pardon the omissions!

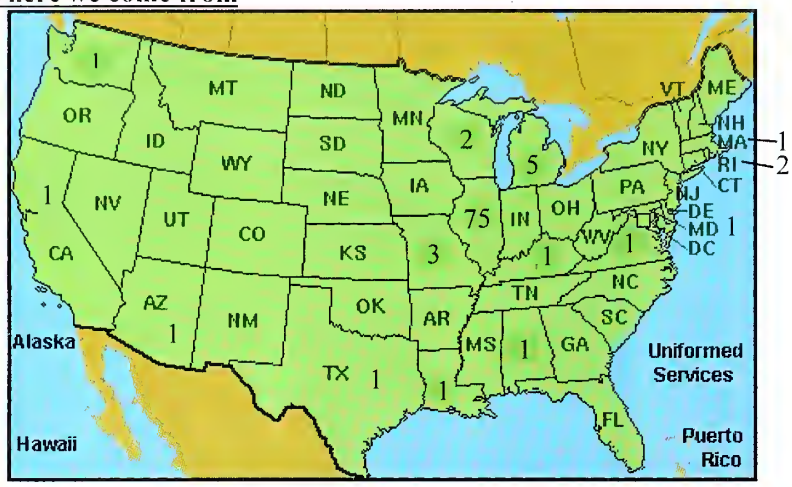
and so it began...

Profile of the Class of 2002

Our ages range from 24 to 33

The languages we speak English, Spanish, Swedish, German, Greek, Hebrew, Italian, French, Polish, Russian, Portuguese, Ukrainian, Thai, Korean, Vietnamese, Taiwanese, Chinese, Filipino, Punjabi, Gujrati, Urdu, Farsi, Shona, Tetela, Amharic, Horsendogish, Mime, CCH Spanish, Marketplace Hindi, Arabic swear words, and Southern Illinois Hick-Speak

Where we come from



Countries we came from: Poland, Kenya, Belarus, Romania, Israel, Congo, Ethiopia

Cities in Illinois: Arlington Heights, Auburn, Bellwood, Bolingbrook, Bourbonnais, Buffalo Grove, Chicago, Chicago Heights, Darien, Deerfield, Downer's Grove, Elmhurst, Evanston, Flossmoor, Franklin Park, Freeport, Glen Ellyn, Glencoe, Glenview, Glenwood, Hanover Park, Highland, Highland Park, Lake Forest, Libertyville, Lincoln, Lisle, Metropolis, Naperville, New Lenox, Normal, Northbrook, Northfield, Oak Brook, Palatine, Palos Heights, Park Ridge, Prospect Heights, Riverside, Riverwoods, Rockford, South Holland, Streamwood, Winnetka

Where we did our undergraduate work before medical school:

U of Illinois-21, Loyola-10, Northwestern-8, U of Michigan-7, UIC-7, Knox-5, U of Chicago-4, Cornell-2, Benedictine-2, U of Wisconsin-2, Wesleyan-2, De Paul-2, De Pauw, Texas A&M, Trinity, Trinity Christian, Tulane, U of Arizona, Northern IL, Southern IL, Southwest Missouri State, U of Pennsylvania, U of Iowa, U of Washington, Colorado State, U of Rhode Island, Duke, U of Kentucky, Xavier, U of Missouri, U of New Mexico, Park College, Wellesley College, Carthage, Miami of Ohio, Prairie View A&M, Illinois State, Chicago State, Macalester, Bates, Dominican, Lehigh, Marquette, Bryn Mawr, Dartmouth, Brigham Young, Olivet Nazarene, Sarah Lawrence, Fordham, Villanova, Liberty, Gannon

Our undergrad degrees show our diversity:

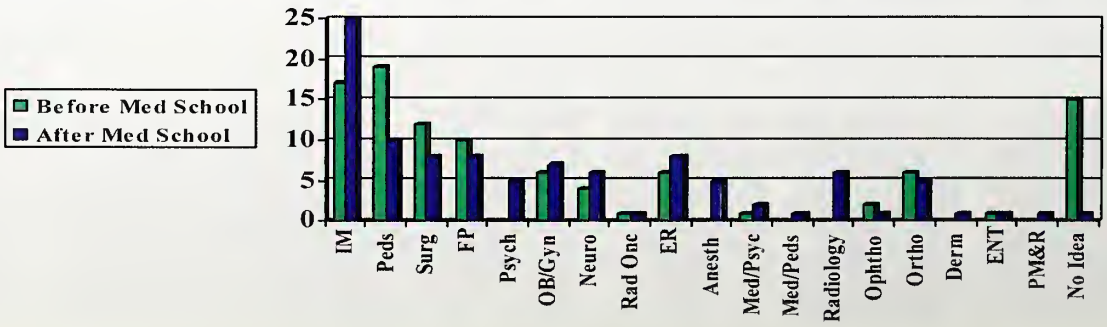
American Studies
Anthropology-2
Biochemistry-9
Biology-47
Biomedical Engineering-3
Cell & Structural Bio-3
Chemistry-10
Computer Science
Economics-2
Exercise & Sport Science
Engineering-2
English Lit-7
Exercise Physiology
Government
History-7
Math
Molecular & Cell Biology-4
Music-2
Nursing
Philosophy-3
Political Science
Portuguese
Psychology-8
Religion
Russian
Spanish
Zoology

Our graduate degrees show our dedication:

MPH at UIC
PhD in Neuroscience at Rush
MPH in Maternal and Child Health at UIC
MS in Anatomy at Rush (in 2003)
MS at Northwestern U
JD at U of Notre Dame
MS in Biochemistry at U of Wisconsin
MPH in Toxicology at U of Michigan
MPH at U of Michigan
JD at Indiana University School of Law
MPH at Boston U
MS in Journalism at Columbia University

Prior to medical school, some of us had entirely different careers: Army Medic, Ballet Teacher, "Bra Specialist" for Victoria's Secret, Cocktail Waitress, Computer Systems Analyst, EMT, English Teacher in the Czech Republic, Forensic Autopsy, Gymnastics Instructor, House Painter, Information Technology, IT Software Development & Consulting, Internet Service, Investment Banker, Journalist, Lab Assistant, Lawyer, Live-in nanny, Mental Health Counselor, Networking Consultant, Nurse, Nurse's Aid, Pathology Assistant, Peace Corps Volunteer, Personal Trainer, Pharmacy Tech, PT Technician, Publisher's Assistant, Public Relations Account Executive, Quality Assurance, Research Technician, Sales & Marketing Manager, Sleep Researcher, Software Engineer, Strategy Consultant, Synthetic Organic Chemist, Teacher, US Marine.

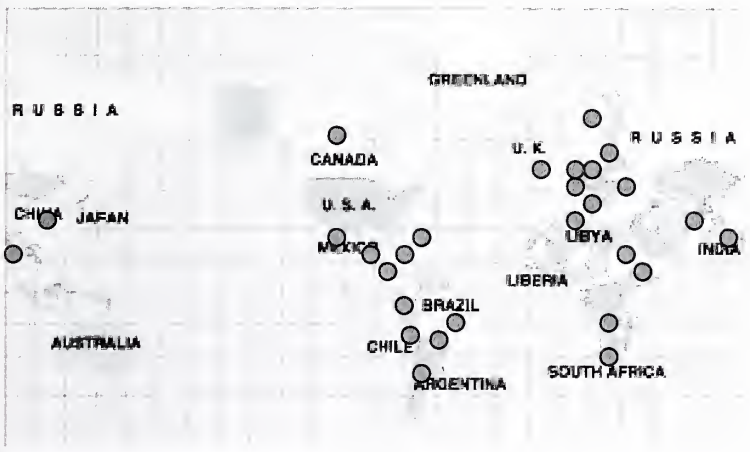
The specialties we were most considering prior to medical school changed throughout the four years:

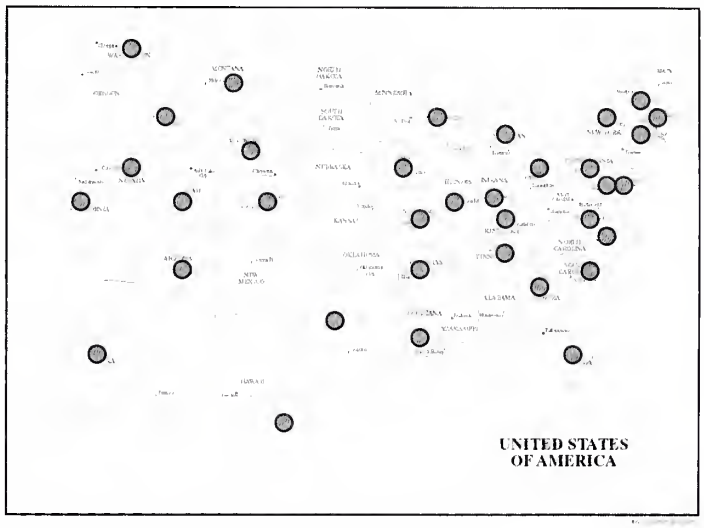


Some of us have maintained hobbies during school to keep our lives interesting:

Running, cooking, origami, working out at UIC gym with the other physically unfit health professionals, throwing dinner parties, traveling, hiking, writing poetry, whitewater rafting, clubbing, painting, DJing, becoming a "technoweenie", flute playing, underwater crochet, wedding planning, watching movies, collecting children's books, sleep deprivation-induced hallucinating, becoming wine connoisseurs, golf, consuming baby burgers and beer at Illinois Bar, skiing, softball, playing the guitar, basketball, X-Box, reading, playing with nieces and nephews, eating out, ice skating, piano playing, horseback riding, gardening, thrift shopping, camping, yoga, gardening, photography, cycling, dancing, jewelry-making, rollerblading, singing, Tai Kwon Do, swing dancing, theater, backpacking, tennis, international health, drinking, deflecting stories told by Mike Reiter, fishing, running marathons, nail biting, knuckle cracking, walks along the lake with Neil, lying and manipulation.

We have traveled far and wide to get a break from school and expand our horizons:





We contributed to the community through service:

The RCSIP projects--

- Franciscan Homeless Shelter
- Community Health Clinic
- Deborah's Place Women's Shelter
- St.Basil's Free Clinic
- Health Educators
- Casa Juan Diego
- Frazier Elementary
- Chicago Park District
- Buddies Program
- Youth Link
- Pilsen Clinic
- Pediatric AIDS Big Sib Program

Locally--

- Kids Shelter Health Improvement Program
- Schweitzer Fellowship
- Malcolm X College
- Drake Elementary
- Old St. Pat's Church
- Boys & Girls Club

Worldwide--

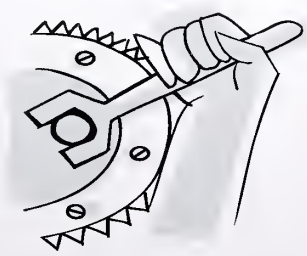
- Ethiopia
- Sudan
- Ecuador
- South Africa
- Brazil
- Honduras
- Cuba
- Italy
- Mexico

We devoted our time to research:

Quality of Sexual Function in Women
HIV Education in South Africa
TIA and Stroke in Association with Hyperlipidemia
Continuous CO2 Monitoring in the NICU
Thyroid Cancer Research
Quantifying Myocardial Perfusion using Contrast ECHO
Effects of Exogenous Melatonin Administration on Human Sleep
Utilization of Amylase and Lipase in the Emergency Department
Chest Pain project at Cook County Hospital
Goal Oriented Blood Pressure Management in a Specialist Clinic
British Practice Management in an NHS Hypertension Clinic
Orthopaedic Oncology at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center
Effects of Monopolar and Bipolar Radiofrequency Energy with Confocal Laser Microscopy
Role of Oxidized Lipoproteins on Atherosclerosis
Radiofrequency Tonsil Ablation
Superior Laryngeal Nerve Identification in Thyroidectomy
TGF-B Enhanced Bone Regeneration
Derm research with Mast Cells and Urticaria
Public Hospitals and OB/Gyn in Brazil

Some of us worked during medical school...

- Army Medic in the National Guard
- Market Research Study Participant
- Grant Writer
- Nurse
- Underwear Model (Mike Musacchio)
- Computer Consultant
- Rush Information Services Division
- Independent Consultant--GMS Consulting Services
- Mosby-Saunders Publishing, Student Editor
- Software and Research Engineer



Significant life events did not stop for medical school.

Eight of us got *engaged*, one to a man she met on a blind date. Twenty-seven class members got *married* during the last four years—four of them to Rush students or alumni, and one to her long distance love! Two of us became (or will soon become) *stepmothers*, and one became the *grandmother* of two little girls! Ten of us had our *first child* and three of us had *two*. Others of us prefer to borrow our siblings children—three of us became *aunts and uncles* over the last four years. One of us decided to *begin* a long-term relationship with a classmate and *couples-match* together, another *broke up* a 6 year relationship, and one dated a classmate's sister. We broke up relationships and broke up marriages. One of us had "too many significant events to go into" over the last 4 years. We have experienced the pain of losing loved ones…grandfathers, an aunt, a great-uncle, a cousin and best friend, a sister-in-law, peers and friends who died before their time, and a fiancé who was tragically killed in a car accident. We have followed our hearts, become *salseras,* watched family members *retire* from their careers as we approach the beginning of our own, and learned--most of all--that we will never stop learning and growing.

Best memories from Rush…

Going dancing with classmates; Salsa dancing.
Remembering a patient and their impact on me long after the rotation ended.
Illinois Bar, Twisted Spoke, Pool at Dave & Buster's, Golf at Jackson Park.
Seeing my husband's face when I walked down the aisle at our wedding.
TGIFs and Rush Formals.
Getting wasted in the air, thanks to a flight attendant hooking us up on a flight from D.C.
Meeting Ewa.
Listening to Najah and Christina's bathroom conversations between classes during preclinical years.
Having a spare half-hour and spending it sprawled out in the library chairs with a handful of others doing the same thing.
Helping Mike Reiter clean up Shane's place after he "messed it up".
Doing research at Oxford.
Skipping class to visit an art museum and eat cake at the Russian Tea House.
Going to Miami...Cuba Libre!
Triple Decker parties at Center Court.
Fridays at Crobar.
Giving a bottle to a "poor feeder" in the NICU.
Dancing with Anca.
Ninth floor study sessions.
Living with Amy.
Free lunches.
My best memories are too personal for this survey…
Doing shots in a Johannesberg bowling alley with Ravi and Shameem.
Being a bridesmaid in Marjie's wedding.
Wanting to feed Neil the first time I saw him because I thought he was malnourished.
Being two time defending champions in co-ed intramural football.
My "secret" fling with Devon…our trip to Brazil…our surgery rotation…our wedding…making our couples match rank lists together.
Living with Jill Maulding, Marjie Dailey, Andrea Zaborac and my sister, Kate.
My patient taking a picture of me and her baby during OB/Gyne.
Seeing Shane Nho hover around beautiful women in bars/clubs.
Delivering babies.
Ski trips.
Cookouts at Pierce's.
Getting the AOA research grant--Twice!
Being in the OR.
Clerkships at Cook County Hospital.
Spooning with Mike Reiter.
Amy Wilder's rallying war cry speech that helped us come from behind and beat the scary really big boned team in softball.
Studying at coffeeshops.
AMSA Conventions, the AMWA Convention.
Making life-long friends.
Talking about things other than medicine with people who do things other than medicine.

Not so pleasant memories from Rush…

My OB rotation at Rush—feeling like I was always in the way.
"Meistro! Up in the corner…"
Biochemistry.
The first day I watched someone die and had to convince the family that he really was dead because they didn't believe the surgeon.
Boards Step I and II.
Getting dumped 4 weeks before Boards.
9/11
Losing my confidence and working to regain it again.
The day my grandpa finally died of cancer.
Dr. Nora's chemotherapeutics.
The smell of anatomy lab that just won't wash away.
All-nighters.
OB/Gyne at Cook County.
Needing flexeril, vicodin and NSAIDS for my back to get through every day of Surgery
"Lovely lady, tell us the cause, course, and consequence of …"
Endless Hickman's on Service IV.
Mixing up patient data.
Histology.
Losing touch with many friends.
Patients dying.
Rush hour traffic.
2 hour L&D checks.
Being pimped and feeling stupid on a regular and frequent basis.
The day before our Histo midterm I was still trying to figure out "What is a duct?"
Shelf exams.
Surgery at Cook County - feeling like there was a target painted on my forehead; hearing my senior say "If I see my med students eating, I know they have too much time on their hands and that I'm not working them hard enough."
Retracting for one of Dr. Brand's marathon total colectomies.
"Is my financial aid check in yet?"
My sister being diagnosed with cancer the week before midterms and not being able to be there.
Rothenburg making us take the miniboard the day after Match Day.
Financial aid debt.
Academic difficulties.
Carl waving his fingers saying "dorsal interosseous" over and over.
My girlfriend dumping me.
CCH's call room with dead roaches, mice, and the smell of rotting pickles.
The Kreb's Cycle.
Specific members of the Dean's Office refusing to help us.
Harold singing.
Staying over at Shane's place.

Some students stood out to their peers as being the best person to do a rotation with.
Archana Deshpande, Ryan Frazine, Dane Hassani, Devon Ebbing, Ian Schnadig, Pam Krol, Jack Reineck, Mike Reiter, Neil Seif, and Jill Maulding were the class favorites. Also mentioned were Araceli Andablo, Marta Babkowska, Karla Barksdale, Sarah Boudreau, Andy Calvert, Charles DeCook, Gerard Dysico, Jon Ebbing, Matt Gorman, Andy Griffin, Ewa Heller, Ben Hostetler, Eric Kallwitz, Mana Kasongo, Christina Lewicky, Keila Lopez, Gina Lowell, Kris McDonough, Parag Patel, Mark Pierce, Jason Robin, Batul Valika and Joann Yocum.

During the last four years have had the opportunity to see our classmates at their best and their worst. These are the results of a student poll of who is most likely to...
Most likely to prescribe beer goggles is *Mark Pierce.*
Most likely to advocate artificial tanning and hair highlighting to reduce CAD is *Jason Robin.*
Most likely to consult Alyssa Milano for tips to do the next "Team Steam" workout video is *Nicole Olmstead.*
Most likely to discover the vaccine for HIV is *Ewa Dembowski.*
Most likely to climb the mountains and forge the streams to retrieve the ingredients for this vaccine is *Brandt Wible.* Either that, or *Mark Pierce* may stumble upon it while looking for a place to fish.
Most likely to change specialties is *Ewa Dembowski.*
Most likely to date a med student as an attending is *Allen Chen.*
Most likely to have greater than six children is *Sarah Boudreau.*
Most likely to be a resident who scuts his/her med students is *Jamila Williams.*
Most likely to be too attached to her patients to go into radiology is *Rosalyn Cheng.*
Most likely to be diagnosed with a cluster B personality disorder is *Najah Senno.*
Most likely to write a textbook together are *Brandt Wible and Brad Thompson.*
Most likely to deplete the world of Diet Coke is *Jason Akrami.*
Most likely to leave medicine for stand-up comedy is *Mike Musacchio.*
Most likely to be an attending that pimps is *Lisa Kozinski.*
Most likely to rake in the big bucks and retire at forty is *Dhaval Patel.*
Most likely to marry a sibling of a close friend is *Neil Seif.*
Most likely to become a nun is *Jack Reineck.*
Most likely to leave medicine to tour with his or her band full-time is *Alex Zartaisky.*
Most likely to marry well...and often... is *Shane Nho.*

In the future, the lives of our classmates may go a little somethin' like this...
Starting in July we will be interns, and *Dan Wool* will be voted Intern of theYear. During the height of our careers, *Jamila Williams* will be cast in and win a Survivor series. Quietly and without fanfare, *Batul Valika* will win the Nobel Prize in Medicine. *Margaret Showel* will be arrested for drunken, disorderly conduct in conjunction with indecent exposure. *Jon Ebbing* will discover the vaccine for the common cold, although it won't require an actual injection...you will just have to think real hard about it. *Anna Hoekstra* will become the head of the largest volunteer free clinic system in the country. *Kris McDonough* will live out his worst nightmare and become a Rush-lifer, eventually becoming the youngest Chair of Medicine ever, taking over for Stu Levin, and then quickly ascending to take over as CEO for Dr. Larry Goodman. *Ewa Dembowski,* having covered engineering and medicine, and becoming frustrated with the politics in medicine, will decide to go to law school...and then will run for President. *Mike O'Donoghue* will go into practice with his mom. *Jeff LaRochelle* will perform revolutionary urological surgical procedures using telekinetics. *Devon Ebbing* will adopt an entire NICU of babies—and Jon will go along with it. *Mike Reiter* becomes the coach of the resurrected NCAA Rush University football team, and they lose to Notre Dame 149-0. *Chris Olenec* and *Andy Griffin* become dueling malpractice lawyers. *Ryan Frazine* goes back to the woods of southern Illinois or Kentucky (no one really knows) and forgets all he has learned, reverting to bloodletting, exorcisms, and surgery done under ether (if you're lucky) or some good Jack Daniels whiskey. *Tom Nichols* joins N-Sync in his spare time with *Najah Senno* as his manager. *Brad Thompson* sets up a clinic at the base camp of Mt. Everest. *Carl Valentin* and *Christina Lewicky* will get married and Carl will retire to tour Spain with his guitar while Christina supports him. *Eric Brittain* will become the star of "The Real E.R." on TLC. *Phil LoSavio* will retire at 40 after describing the pathogenesis of snot and developing the laser treatment for its cure.

Only time will tell which of these will come true. Until then, we wish everyone peace and happiness, and hope everyone will show up for next year's triple decker apartment party at Center Court!

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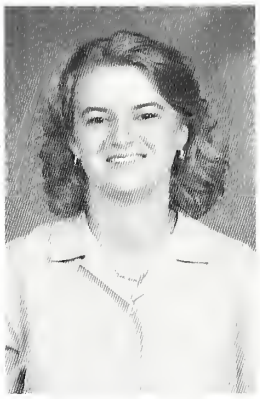

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Armin Bandari

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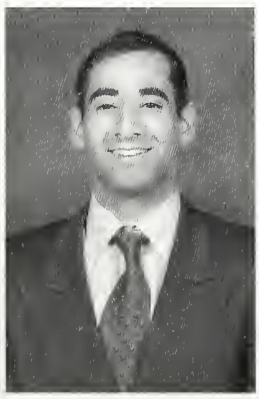

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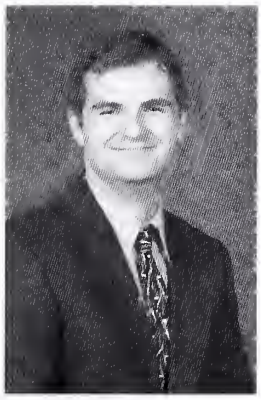

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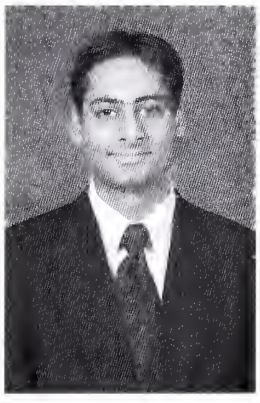

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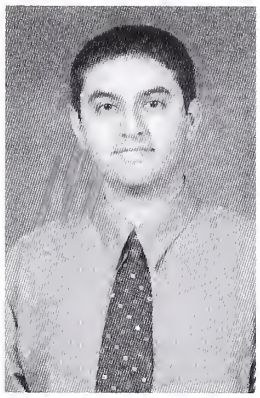

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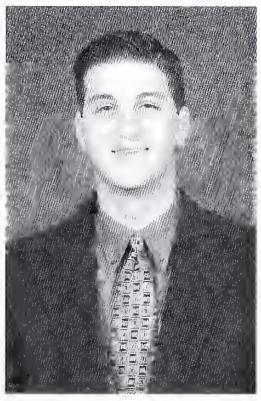

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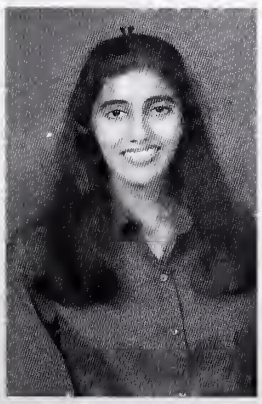

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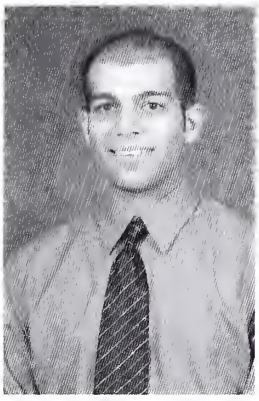

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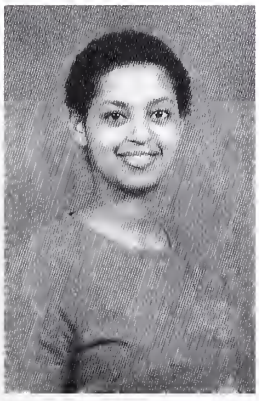

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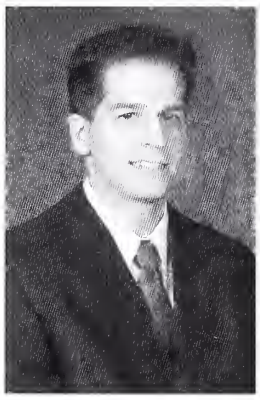

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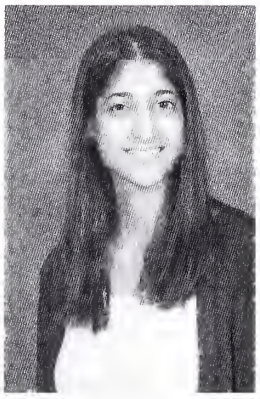

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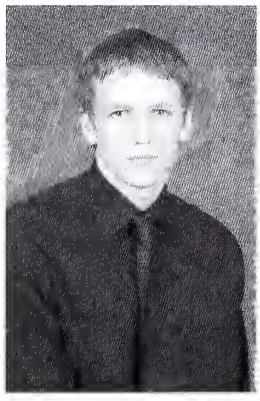

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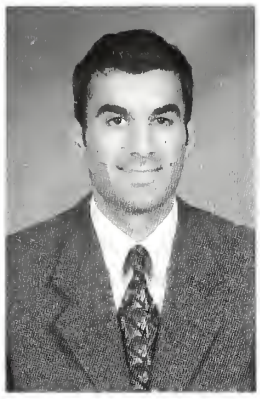

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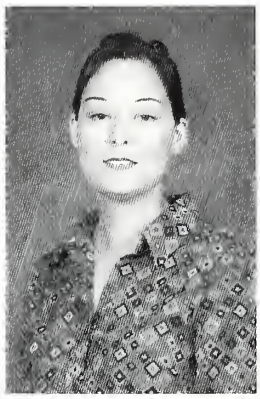

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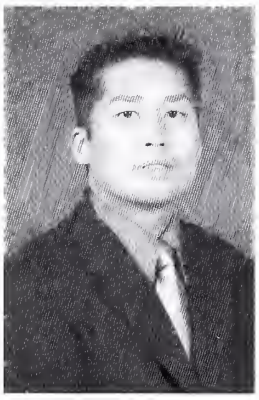

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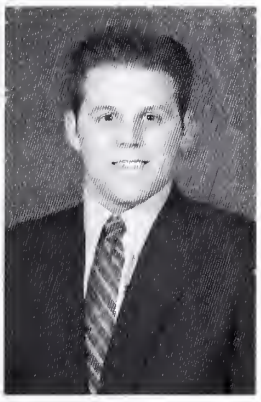

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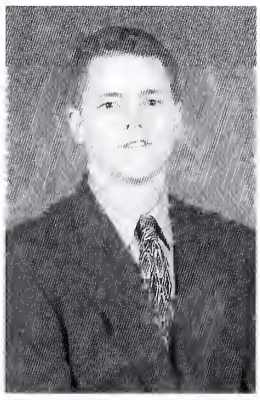

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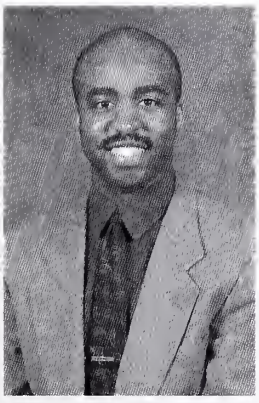

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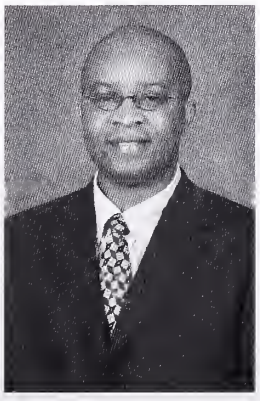

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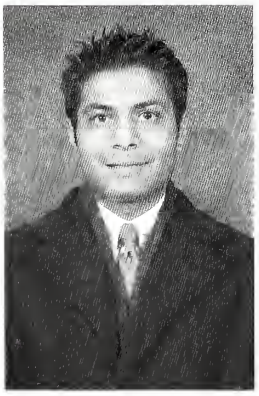

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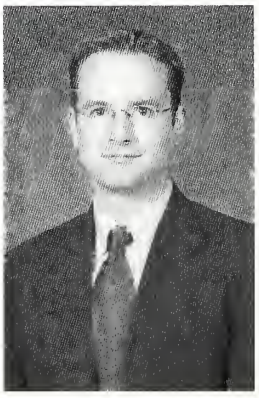

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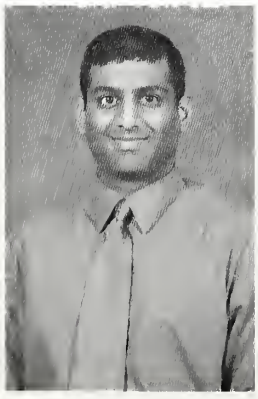

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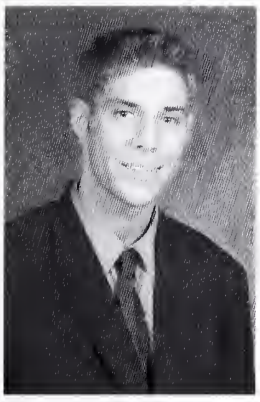

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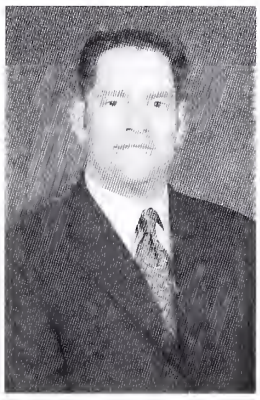

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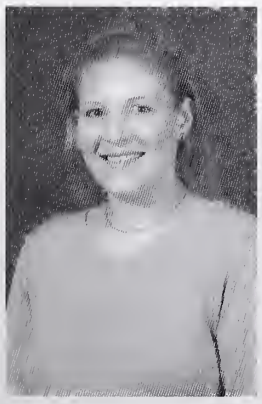

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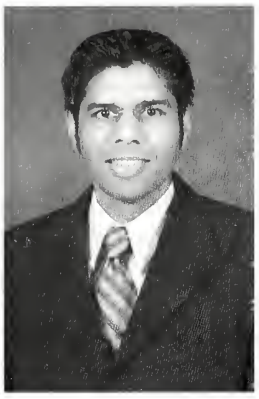

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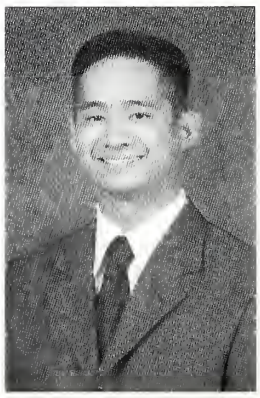

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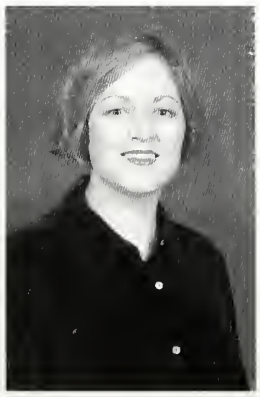

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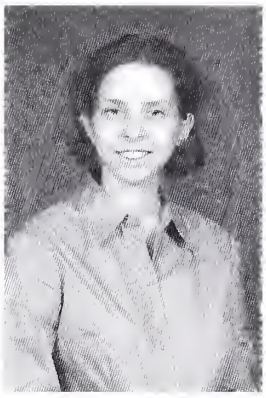

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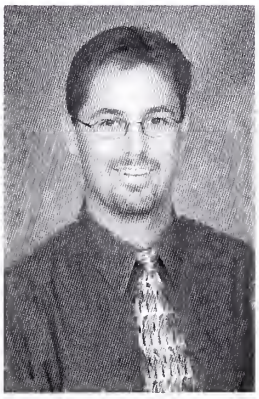


Brandt Wible

B.S. in Biology,
Southwest Missouri State
University

Transitional
MacNeal Hospital

Diagnostic Radiology
Medical College of Wisconsin

Batul Valika

B.S. in Biology,
Loyola University

Internal Medicine
University of Texas Medical
Branch – Galveston

Amy Wilder

B.S. in Psychology,
James Madison University

Ophthalmology
Rush-Presbyterian-St. Lukes
Medical Center

Little Darlings

13.) Sneaking out at an early age.

14.) Too cute for words.

15.) Innocent as a lamb?

16.) Yeah, baby!

17.) Don't ya just love pigtails?

18.) Ready for Indy!

19.) You eat **how many** cookies?

20.) Strike a pose!

21.) Pull up a chair and come sit by me!

22.) Here I come!

23.) What's this doing in my cupcake?

24.) Pebbles ain't got nothing on my hair-do!

Darling Angels

25.) Little Princess.

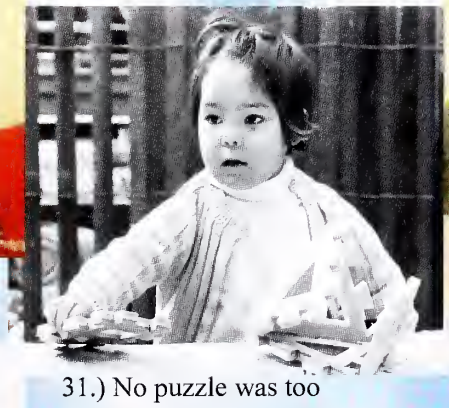
26.) Where are the bubbles?

27.) Do you like my new sundress?

28.) Okay, if you can't guess who these two cuties are, you might not be a member of our class!

29.) Prettiest flower in the garden.

30.) What? I didn't hear what you said.



31.) No puzzle was too complex for this future physician!

32.) Bingo!

33.) Thanks Easter Bunny!

34.) The gentleman on the right.

35.) The most precious addition to your Christmas décor.

36.) Pretty in Pink.

37.) Sweetie pie.

38.) I love school!

39.) Sweet as pie.

40.) Hey, Girlfriend!

41.) Would you like to come over and play?

42.) Pure joy!

43.) Pure mischief ☺.

Now can you name all these darling, little angels?

1.) Claudia LeMoine

2.) Saurabh Khandelwal

3.) Susan Hungness

4.) Eric Brittain

5.) Jill Harrison

6.) Amy Wilder

7.) Greg Singer

8.) Aman Dhawan

9.) Sofia Zats

10.) Rahul Chhablani

11.) Alex Zartaisky

12.) Ewa Dembowski

13.) Andy Griffin

14.) Araceli Andablo

15.) Christina Lewicky

16.) Sujal Shah

17.) Gina Lowell

18.) Minh Luu

19.) Craig Wlodarek

20.) Stephanie Lichten

21.) Jonathan Ebbing

22.) Devon Ebbing

23.) Karla Barksdale-Robinson

24.) Erin Farrell

25.)Archana Deshpande

26.) Sarah Boudreau

27.) Nicole Olmstead

28.) Jamil and Idries Abdur-Rahman

29.) Jane Bang

30.) Joann Yocom

31.) Jennifer McGinley

32.) Rachel Dorfman

33.) Kim Czech

34.) Dhaval Patel

35.) Jamila Williams

36.) Jill Maulding

37.) Marta Babkowska

38.) Najah Senno

39.) Kristin Rooney

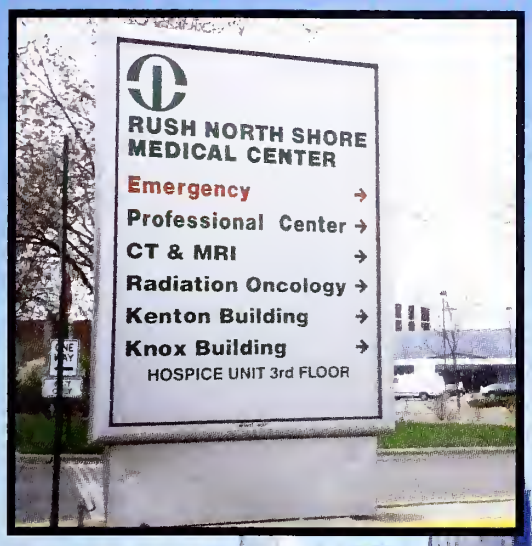
40.) Kate Ruhl

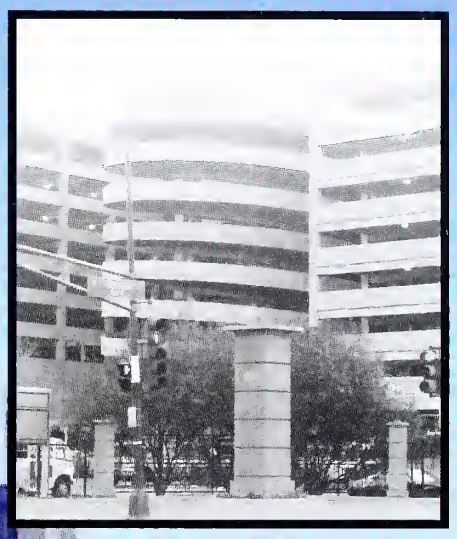
41.) Ewa Heller

42.) Pamela Krol

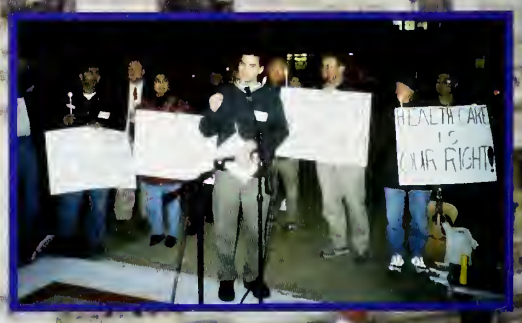
43.) Lisa Kozinski

OUR STOMPING GROUNDS





American Medical Student Association



RCSIP

Community Health

Fransiscan Homeless Shelter

Pilsen Homeless Health Services

Youth C.I.N.K.

Pediatric AIDs / Big Sib

Buddies

Marah's Place

Henry Horner

Health Educators

Medicine Abroad

Mexico

U.K.

Costa Rica

Kenya

Brazil

South Africa

Other Student Organizations

Student Council

Rush Medical Students for Life

Family Medicine Interest Group

Emergency Medicine Clinical Orientation Program

Physicians for Social Responsibility

Student Interest Group in Neurology

Pediatric Student Interest Group

Geriatrics Interest Group

South Asian Student Association

American Medical Women's Association

Rush Medical Students for Choice

Surgery Interest Group

Student National Medical Association

Rush Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Coalition

American Medical Association

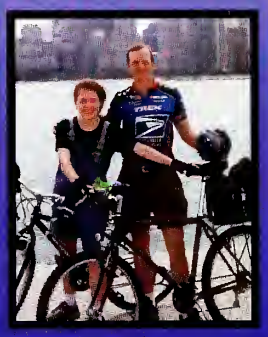
Christian Medical and Dental Association

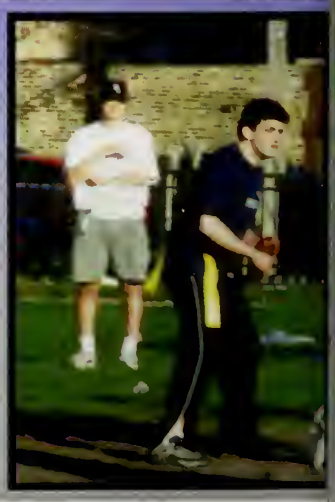
The Alternative Curriculum (1984-2000)

In 1984, Rush Medical College implemented a revolutionary new curriculum named the Alternative Curriculum (AC). For 15 years, students in this program enjoyed small group sessions, limited class time, and catered breakfasts during exams. In 1998, 20 brave souls entered the final run of this terminal project. Here is a tribute to the trials and tribulations of these 20 individuals.

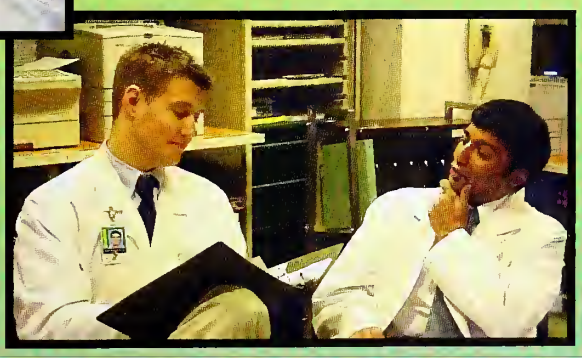
Thank Goodness it's Friday

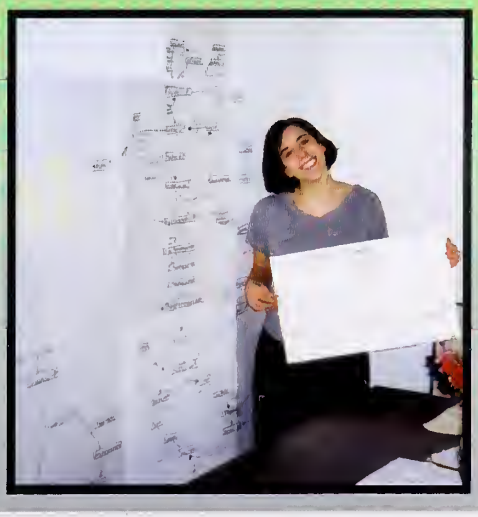
Our Class is Athletic as well

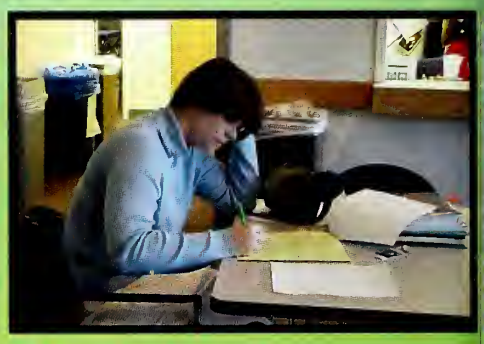




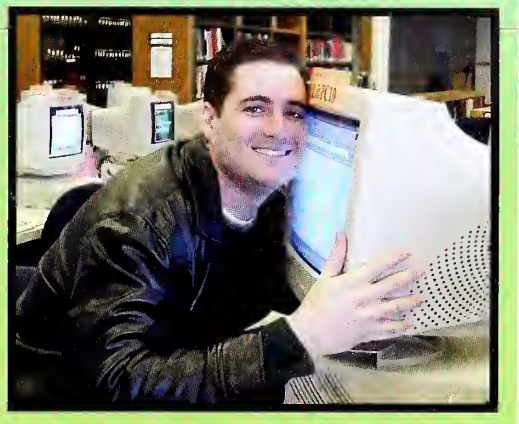
Our Class at Work







Be Achieved in a Specialist Clinic?



WELLESLEY
COLLEGE

PATIENT ASSIGNMENT BOARD

Our Class at Play

MIZOU

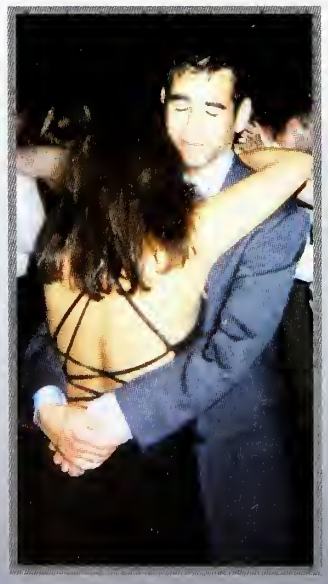
VISA
YAHOO!
TREK

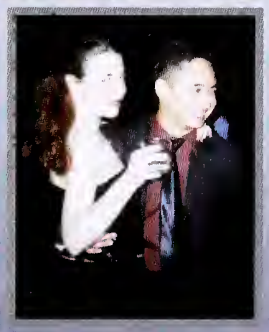
OMMY

Light

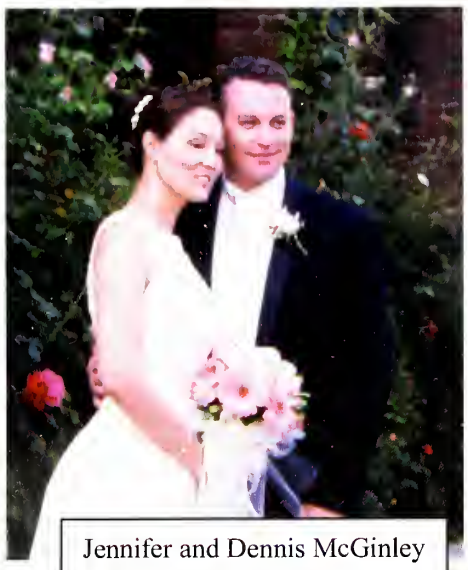
Medicine Ball

1998 - 2002





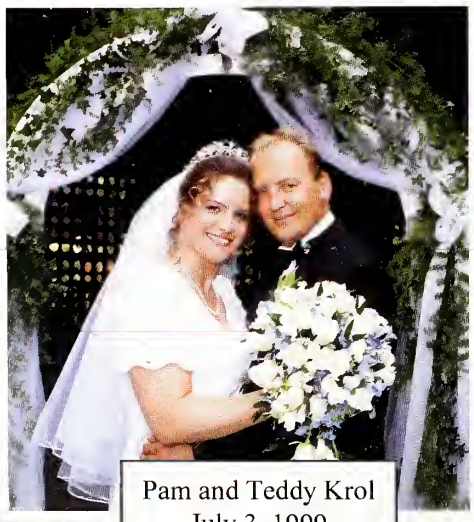
Our Weddings



Jennifer and Dennis McGinley
July 10, 1999

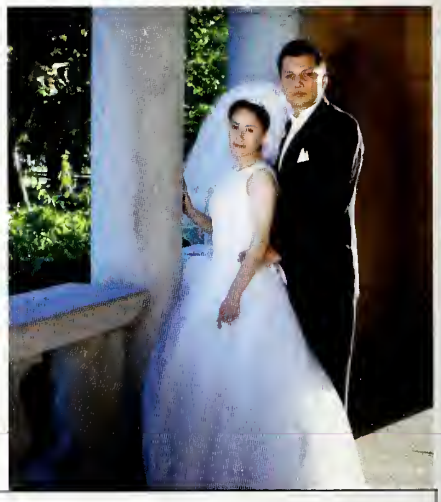
Brad and Joel Thompson
August 14, 1999

Susan Jacquez-Dean and Robert Dean
June 26, 1999



Pam and Teddy Krol
July 3, 1999

Zaneb and Jonathan Beams
August 28, 1998

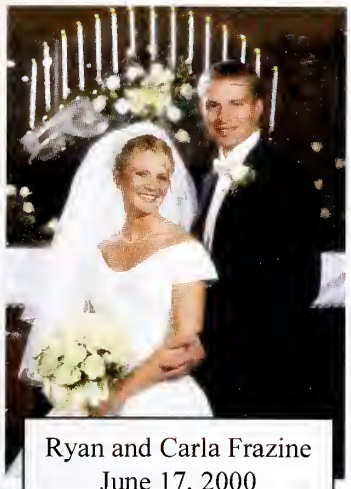


Areceli Andablo and Jaime Izaquirre
May 20, 2000

Gina and John Lowell
June 10, 2000

Natalie and Scott Roche
May 5, 2001

Andrew Griffin and Catherine Keating
December 27, 1998



Ryan and Carla Frazine
June 17, 2000

Marjorie and Lance Guthrie
June 23, 2001

Galina and Alex Vugman
June 25, 1999

Anna Hoekstra and Keith Minihane
September 15, 2001

Karla Barksdale and
Robert Robinson
May 20, 2000

Jeff and Ann Marie Tomaszewski
August 14, 1999

Marcus and Lisa Nance
10th Anniversary in 2001

Batul and Nasir Valika
September 8, 2001

Tom and Jocelyn Messer
August 14, 1999

Also Married:
Phil LoSavio
Kris Madison-Guerrier
Katie Sharkey
Reka Tusa

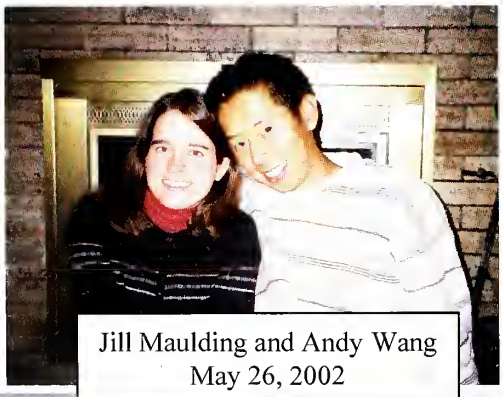
Jonathan and Devon Elizabeth Ebbing
November 10, 2001

Our Engagements

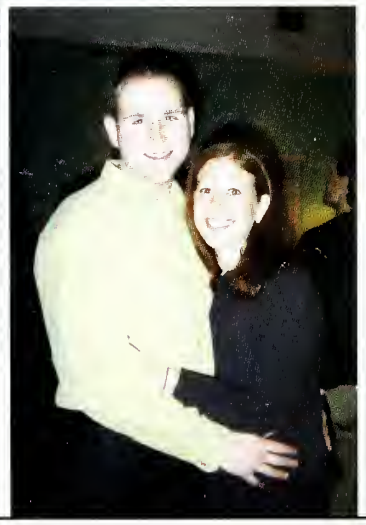
Sarah Boudreau and D.J. Romano
May 11, 2002

Andy Calvert and Theoni Hasabalis
June 9, 2002

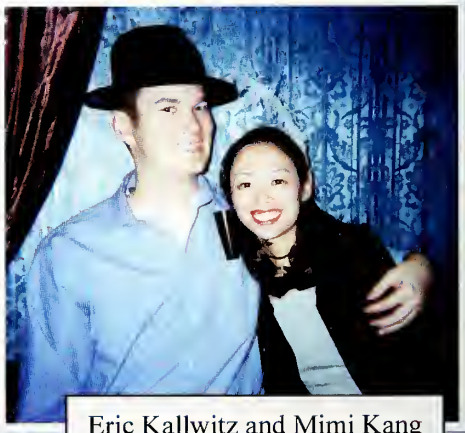
Dan Wool and Sara Kahn
June 2, 2002



Jill Maulding and Andy Wang
May 26, 2002



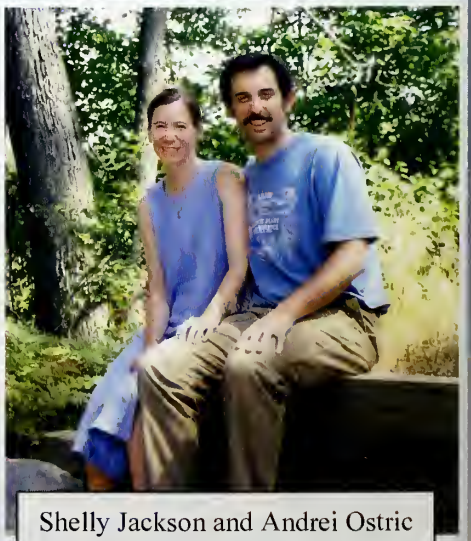
Rachel Dorfman and Matt Rubin
May 5, 2002



Eric Kallwitz and Mimi Kang
June 14, 2002

Jack Reineck and Lisa Ceithaml
June 15, 2002

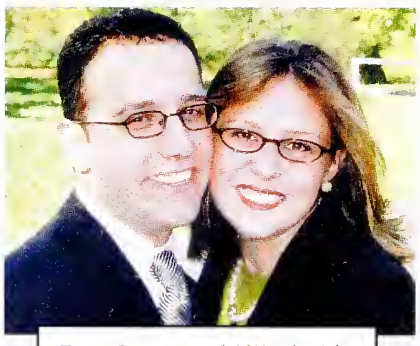
Tom Nichols and Jamie Thompson
October, 2002



Shelly Jackson and Andrei Ostric
May 26, 2002

Kate Ruhl and Curt Kearney
April 13, 2002

Amy Wilder and Myles Cunningham
October 5, 2002

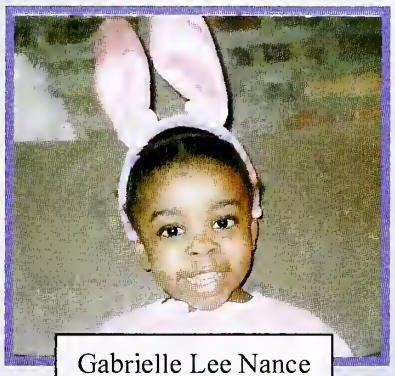


Ben Crane and Jill Flotkin
April 26, 2003

Other engagements: Marque Broussard, Harry Hostetler

Our Babies born in medical School

Ariel Kyla Vugman
12-31-01



Gabrielle Lee Nance
11-7-98

Justin Izaguirre
10-9-01

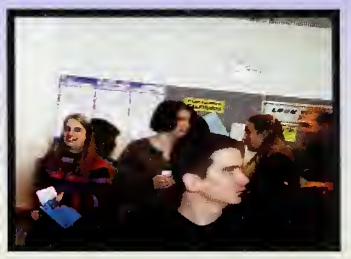
Najiyah Abdur-Rahman
8-27-01

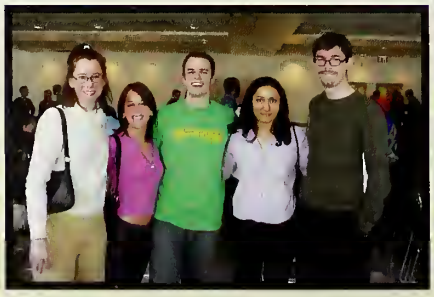
Adam Abdur-Rahman
2-15-99

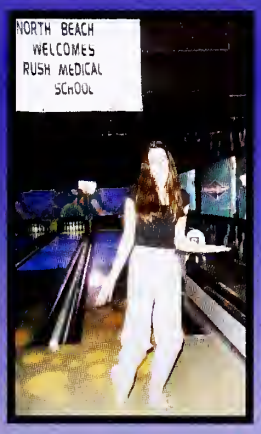
Other Babies:

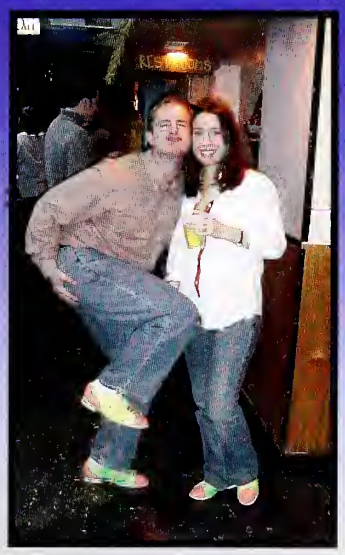
Ada Beams
12-1-00
Samuel Beams
3-12-02
Laithe Abdur-Rahman
11-17-01
Zara Kumar
5-29-98
Isha Kumar
10-23-01

Match Day!






NORTH BEACH
WELCOMES
RUSH MEDICAL
SCHOOL



My Match

Shameem Abbasy

My parents, Karen & Iftikhar

Me & Saurabh

Salsa lessons, Costa Rica

Jean, Kristen, Sarah, and Me

South Africa

Jamil, Me, and Shareen Abbasy

Jamil Abdurrahman

Wife

Mom

In-laws

Grand-dad

Kiki

dad

My Inspiration

My Motivation

My family

Thank U Ruby

Thank U Mom

Jason Akrami

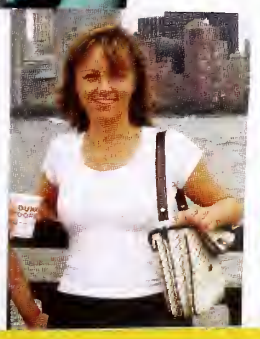
Well Guys,
Deliver your babies,
Inject your vaccines,
Patch-up your booboos,
Take out your gallbladders,
Read your chest x-rays,
Give aspirin,
Implant your silicone,
Diet and exercise,
And most importantly,
Have this life.....

Araceli Andablo

Marta Babkowska

I would like to thank my wonderful parents - Krystyna and Paul, my dearest fiance - Christopher, and all my great friends for all the love and support throughout my medical school years.

Marta



Armin Bandari

"Thanks for the memories"

Merp, somebody call the whaaaaaam-bulance! who needs a shrink when I have u? anyhoo, (rainbo) (moo) hopefully we'll be neighbors next year, & if not at least I'll have a car so we can avoid the dreaded transfer & instead face the crazy parking

Jen-I'll remember good meals, cartoon aardvarks,Judith McNaught Gilbert Blythe, Mr. Darcy, & belly laughs resulting from conversations about life, school, & boys.

JANE BANG

Karla-you succeeded with your 5-yr-plan in under 4, what next? You are STILL one of my favorite people...you and Buddy. I'll be SO ecstatic if we match together, & if not, well, your "5-yr-plan" may take me another 10, I hope I can update you on my progress no matter where we are. :)

Arch-the answer to your questions are (a)No. (b)green boxers. I will miss our late-night walks, the sightings, 911 messages, & the rest of our schoolgirl antics!

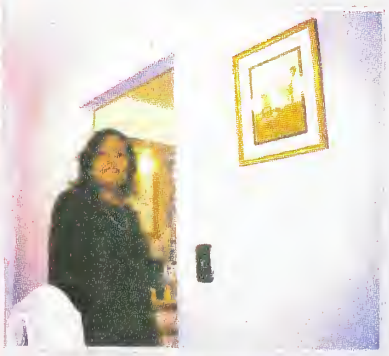
Krissy-I'll never forget my 1st boilermaker, that crazy night (as much as I'd like to-just kidding), & don't worry-- Bridget Jones is you & me both. Cheers. :)
Sue-I'm sure Jimmy Fallon is waiting to meet a nice MD. Amber is 1 cool cat!

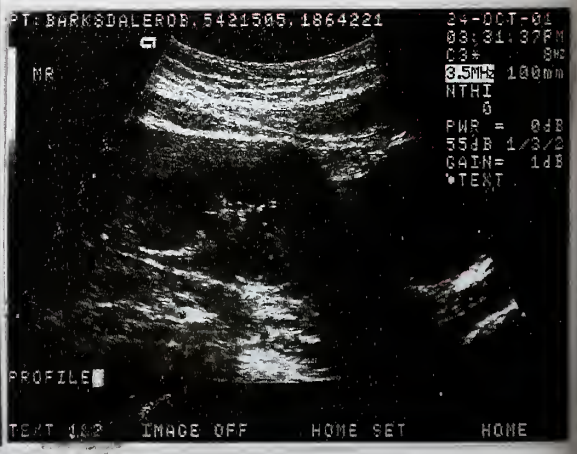
To the Carr 2 girls- what the heck would I do without you? Drinking out of a water pitcher wouldn't be half as much fun! Let's not outgrow slumber parties just yet... or ever! Or better yet, when are we gonna find the Melrose Place type establishment where we can all live together? (Which would require Mary Clare to come home & Ang to stay)! You guys are the most amazing friends ever.

Thanks to Mom & Gram for prayers, listening, & love, to Dad, my jogging partner, for "free rides," amusing stories, & quarters, to Jim, John, & Meeock for movie marathons, sleepovers, board games, & midnight grocery runs. Love u.

CONGRATS & GOOD LUCK TO THE CLASS OF 2002!!!

Karla Barksdale-Robinson





To my #1 mom: Thanks so much for always being there for me from day #1. I would not be the person I am today without your love, support, and guidance through the years. Thanks for being who you are. I love you!

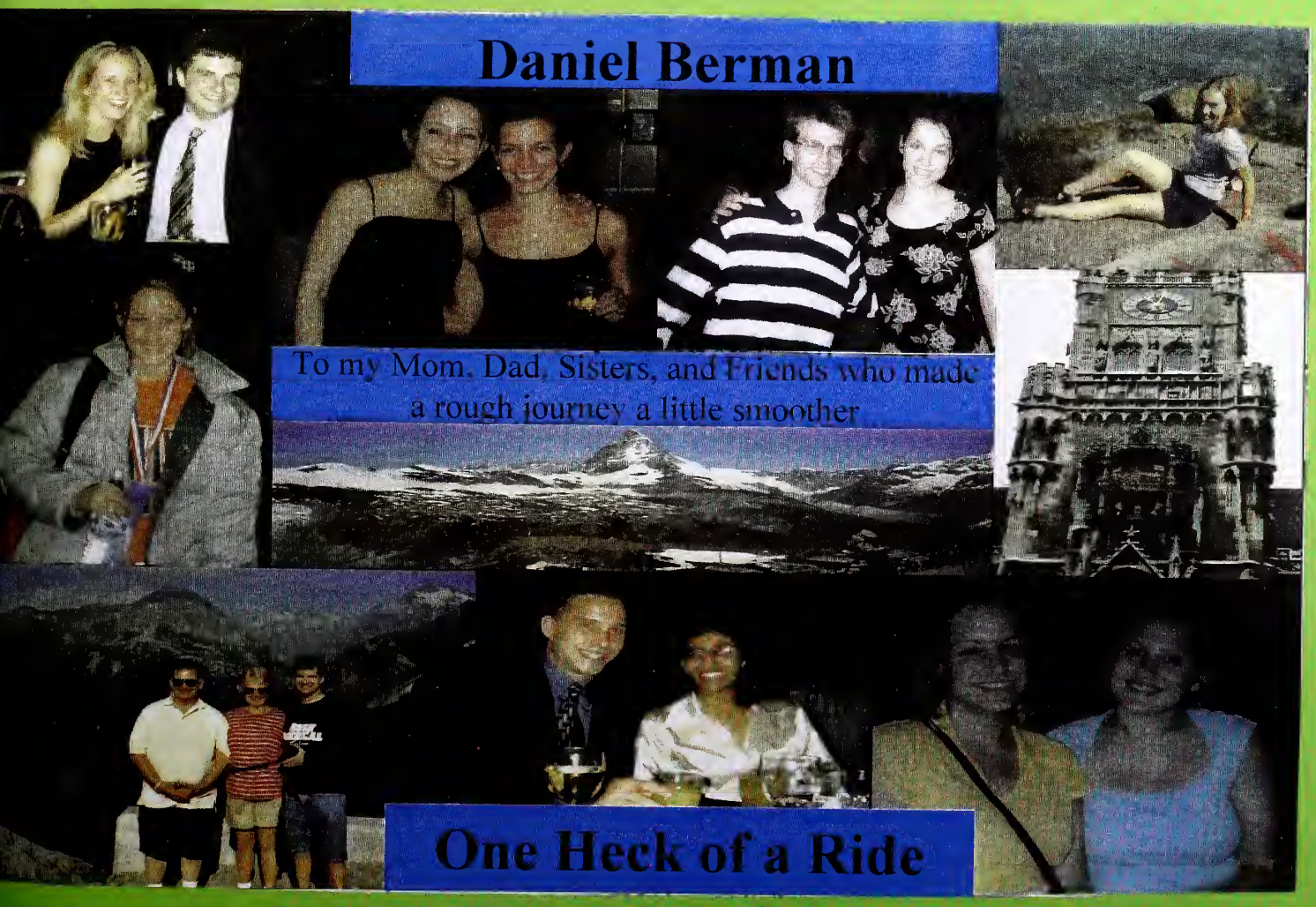
To my loving husband: When God sent you to me I knew it was the start of something special! Thank you for loving me beyond measure. God continues to bless us richly. We did it!!

To my favorite big sister: Thanks for being such a thoughtful and caring sister. Thanks to you and probably too much time on our hands, I have the best childhood memories ever!

To Laila Kamille: Mommie loves you!! Thanks for teaching me so much about love. You are the most perfect gift!

To all of my family and friends: I thank God for you everyday. It is truly a blessing to be surrounded by so much love.

Zaneb Beams


Daniel Berman
To my Mom, Dad, Sisters, and Friends who made a rough journey a little smoother
One Heck of a Ride

Michelle Birdsell

Sarah Boudreau

I wrote this as a reminder to myself that as a doctor I cannot ever forget that there is a person always just beyond the disease and though the disease may distract me from the person, to be a healer I must always remember the spirit. "Grace" is my daily reminder of this.

The most special thank you to my family as they have always been my number one support. My mom and dad have been my inspiration to keep going and to do the right thing... teaching me to "be here now" and reminding me that with love you can do anything. What an example they have been to me and how I lucky I am! My sister, Abbie, whom I lived with throughout most of med school, was my light in the darkness, my companion in crime. Chicago has not been the same without her and cannot wait to get her back! Hurry up! My baby sister, Maya, brings me nothing but joy...everyday. And to think that in a few months she will live only footsteps away from me makes the terrifying thoughts of residency much more tolerable... even something to look forward to!

And then there is D.J. (my husband by the time this is printed) who took my hand and led me back to joy. He has provided me with so much love and understanding and friendship and tickets... lots of tickets! I have had the time of my life learning about him and spending every day with him. I know the next three years may cramp his style a bit but I *will* make it worth it.

To my AC friends, what an extraordinarily odd and fun time we had! There can be nothing comparable to the relationships that we built over the first two years. Thank you all for your friendship and for your patience and for listening to all of my stories! (What? I didn't have *that* many!) Enough of me.

Good luck to everyone!

Grace

The woman's waxy body is still
when I enter this humid, breathless room
and right away, I look beyond her
to a black mass invading her upper lip
a sucking and spitting leech
bloodying her teeth
and making her introductory smile
both ironic and sad
Her face coils up in pain as we speak
then she passes gas and it is in pain
and with shame that she moans
a weakened apology to me
She wishes that I met her before
cirrhosis stole her liver and her kidneys rotted away
I know this because as I am leaving
she calls me back to her bed
and to softly remind me
that it is not the body
that is the person,
she whispers, "Sweetheart (breath), my middle name
(breath) is Grace."

Eric Brittain

Everyday our lives change, but the one thing that always remains is family. Thanks for all your love and support without you my accomplishments would mean nothing.

Marque D. Broussard

Natalie Brown

Thank you to my family and friends
for all your support ♥♥♥

Good Luck To All!!!!

June Bunploog

Olga Cardenas

¡FUERTE
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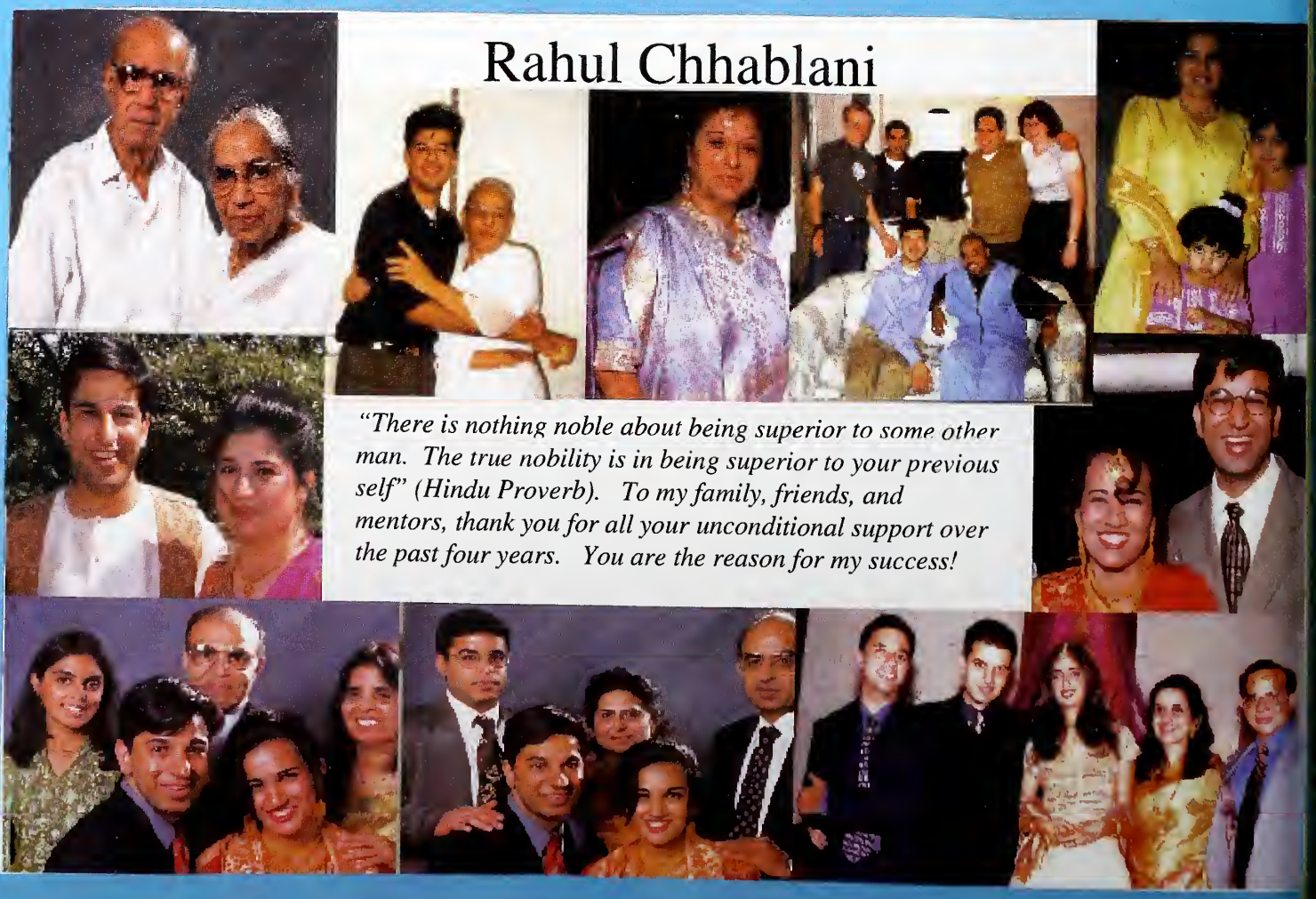
Y
VALIENTE!

Allen T. Chen

Thank you to my family and
friends for all of your support
I love you!

Rahul Chhablani



"There is nothing noble about being superior to some other man. The true nobility is in being superior to your previous self" (Hindu Proverb). To my family, friends, and mentors, thank you for all your unconditional support over the past four years. You are the reason for my success!

This little boy with his toy stethoscope could never have fulfilled his dreams of becoming a doctor without the love and support of my friends and family, thank you for always being there.

I love you
Ben

Amy Crowder

To the guide of all human spirit, I pray:

Let me be a worthy caretaker
Of human body, mind and spirit
Kindler of hope, and gracious welcomer of death.
Let me be pure in pursuit
Of relief of human suffering,
With passion, without prejudice.
Let me keep safe the craft gifted to me,
Bequeathing a legacy richer still
To those who follow.
Most of all, let me thank those who sustain me,
Know that I am grateful, and without whom,
I would have nothing to give.

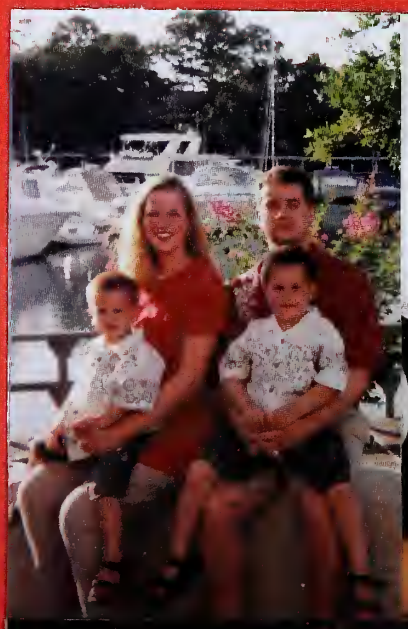
Kimberly Czech

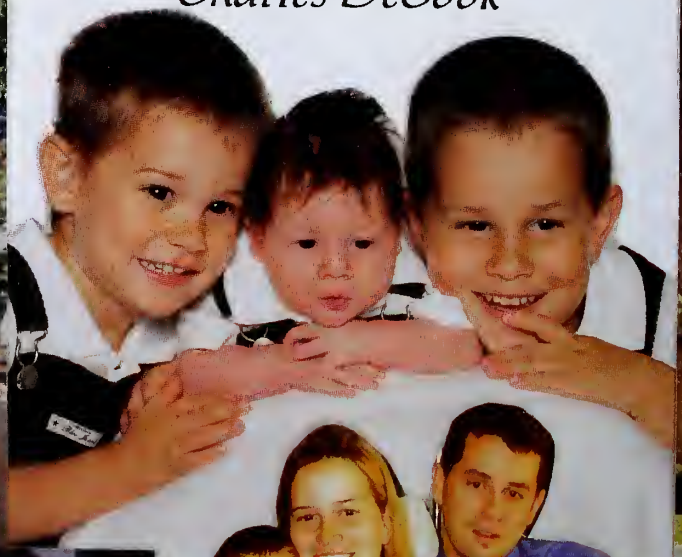
Thank you to all my Family and Friends for their support and Confidence In me

Thank you Mom and Dad

Thank you Jack and Mom

Charles DeCook





Archana Deshpande

Thanks to my family and friends for their support and encouragement.

Good luck to everyone!

Aman Dhawan

I will remember the good times we had!

Stamatis Dimitropoulos

Mom, Dad, Haroula and Vasili, thank you for your love and support. You've helped make my dreams come true. To my friends and classmates, all the best in your pursuit of happiness.

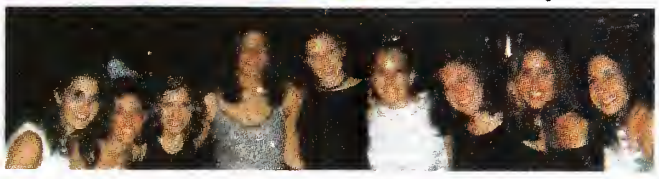
RACHEL DORFMAN

To the class of 2002- Good Luck!

Matt, Thank you for your support, encouragement, understanding and patience, for making me laugh and being my best friend. I look forward to a lifetime together.

To the memories of my grandparents, Thank you for your values in education, hard work and family.

Mom and Dad,
Thank you for teaching me to be persistent and follow my dreams. I could not have gotten to where I am today with out your support and love.



Fabby Ladies, Thank you for being the most amazing friends anyone could ask for.

Jill, David, Marc, Rachel, Ellen, Micah, Daniel, Alyssa, Alex, Ben and Jonah.
Thank you for your advice, listening to me freak out, free dinners and for being there.
You are the most unbelievable siblings.

Dan, Stephanie, Chris and Jason,
Thank you for putting up with my panic attacks, taking me to the best places to eat and the fun memories.

Gerard Dysico

To Lisa - Thanks for your love and for never letting me give up...

To my family - Thanks for your love and support...

(and in no particular order) Thanks to: Dr. Bines for the confidence to go to both medical school and culinary school, Gloria Watkins for always being nice, Mike Haklin for being the only person in General Surgery who gave a !@%& about medical students, Dr. Gaebler for countless "Okedoke!"'s, Jack Reineck for telling me about Sea Crunchies at Long John Silvers', Kate Ruhl & Pam Krol for making me laugh on Peds, Sujal and Keila for being roommates from Hell (kidding), Dr. Lina Assad for being Lina, my surgical team (Rosalyn, Aman, & Mana) for helping me survive "The Hermanator", Dr. DeGeest for acting mellow, Dr. Prinz for telling me all the wrong reasons to vote for Ralph Nader, Dr. Godellas for showing me how NOT to act as a physician, Brad & Joel and Gina & John, Anna & Keith, Maui & Jane, Heather & (Dr.) Jo (San Juan), Pam & Dean, and the Cooking and Hospitality Institute of Chicago. Whew!

To Karen Goldman - I'll never forget you...

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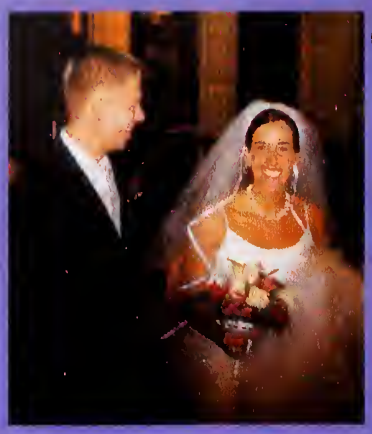
Devon Elizabeth Ebbing



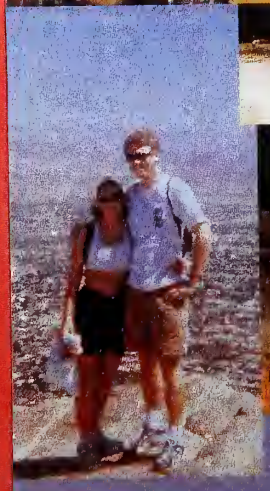
I've watched a thousand surgery cases without input and I've closed the chest wall myself once. I've done handstands in Brasil and stitches at the bottom of the Grand Canyon with a bent sewing needle. I've told family members what adenocarcinoma and malignant mesothelioma mean. I've helped a handful of babies born into the world and I've watched one man leave it. I've been kissed and hugged by many grateful four year old when they didn't get a shot. I fell in love and got married.

Tomorrow they will call me "Doctor" and I will do so many more things. I only hope to have the strength, knowledge, and courage to make it another four years, look back and feel proud to have helped a few people along the way. Thank you to: my husband, who married me despite the fact we would have combined loans of over $300,000; my family, who called almost daily to "check in;" and Juanita Jones, who let me examine her at midnight when my senior wanted me to learn about peau d' orange.

Live like a kid, my friends… it's the only way to have fun

Jonathan Ebbing

From orientation to Brazil to a November wedding, the last four years have been filled with many adventures. All of them however, I've been able to share with one amazing person, my wife Devon. Thank you for all of your love and support.

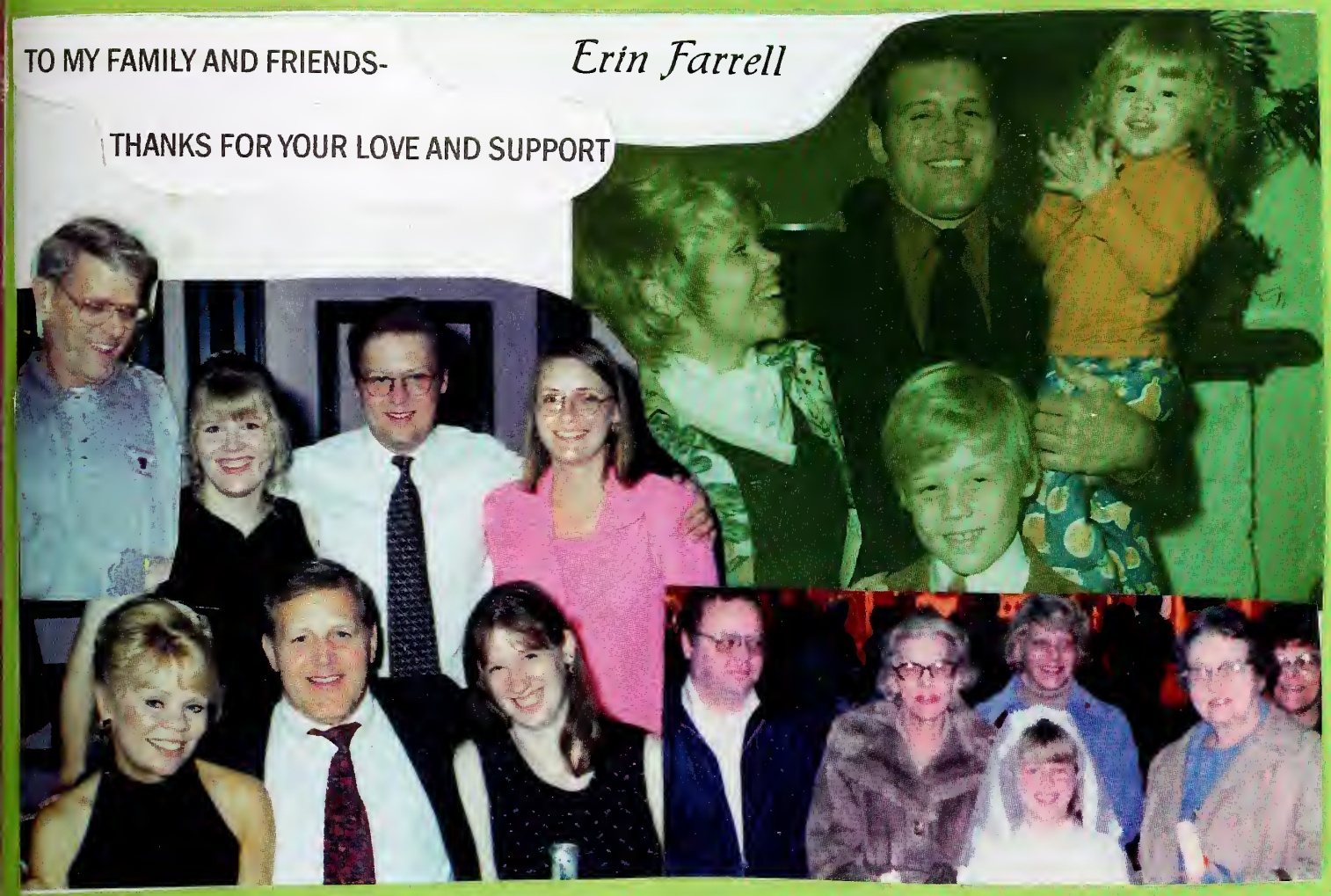


"Life is a rocky, surprise highway. Between the days and the dark of night [illegible] your steps [illegible]"

TO MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS-

THANKS FOR YOUR LOVE AND SUPPORT

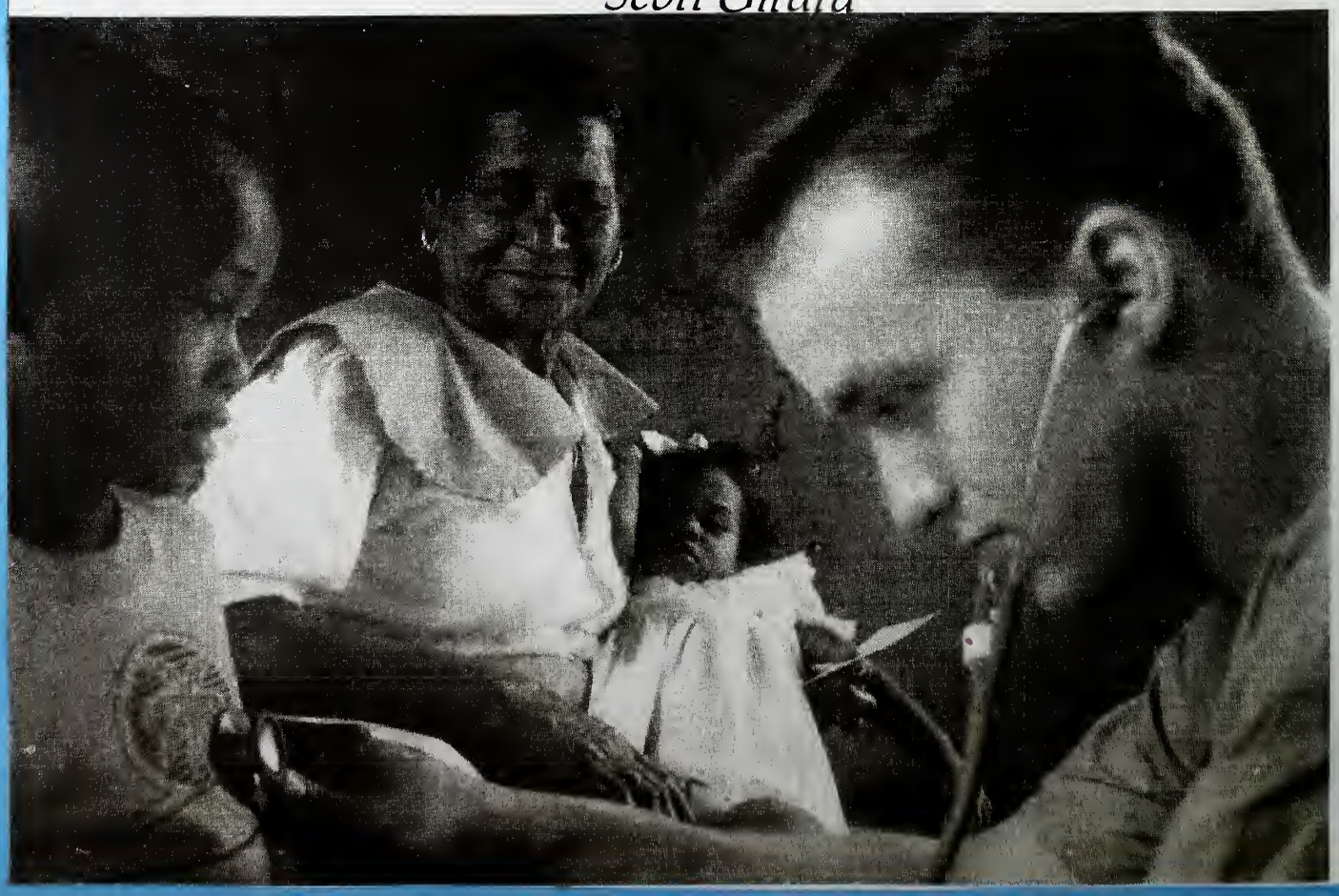
Erin Farrell



Carmen Foster

Ryan Frazine

Scott Girard



Not Peds For Me... ☺☺

This was from my trip to the D.R. in 1999.

Good Luck to all!

SG

Matthew Gorman

Andrew Griffin

To my lovely wife, Catherine

You have opened my life in so many surprising and wonderful ways.

Your vitality and enthusiasm make many things possible.

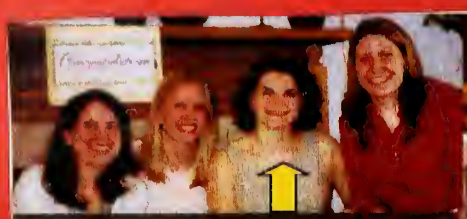
Thanks to you, I will be invested with the long white coat. A long sought after dream is now achieved.

Ask what you will, and I will give it to you.

In frank and ardent admiration.

-Your husband

Marjie Guthrie



She's having a baby!

Clean-up Crew

New Fox Special:

"Girls on the Road"

LOVE of my LIFE

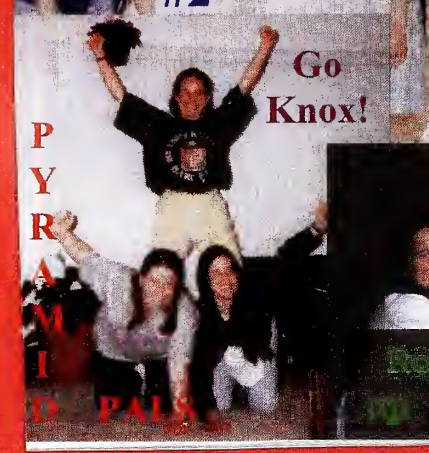
#2

My Wedding!

(No longer a Dailey)

#3

#1



Go Knox!

PYRAMID PALS

Roomies make up after brawl

Summer Beach Party!

Thank you!

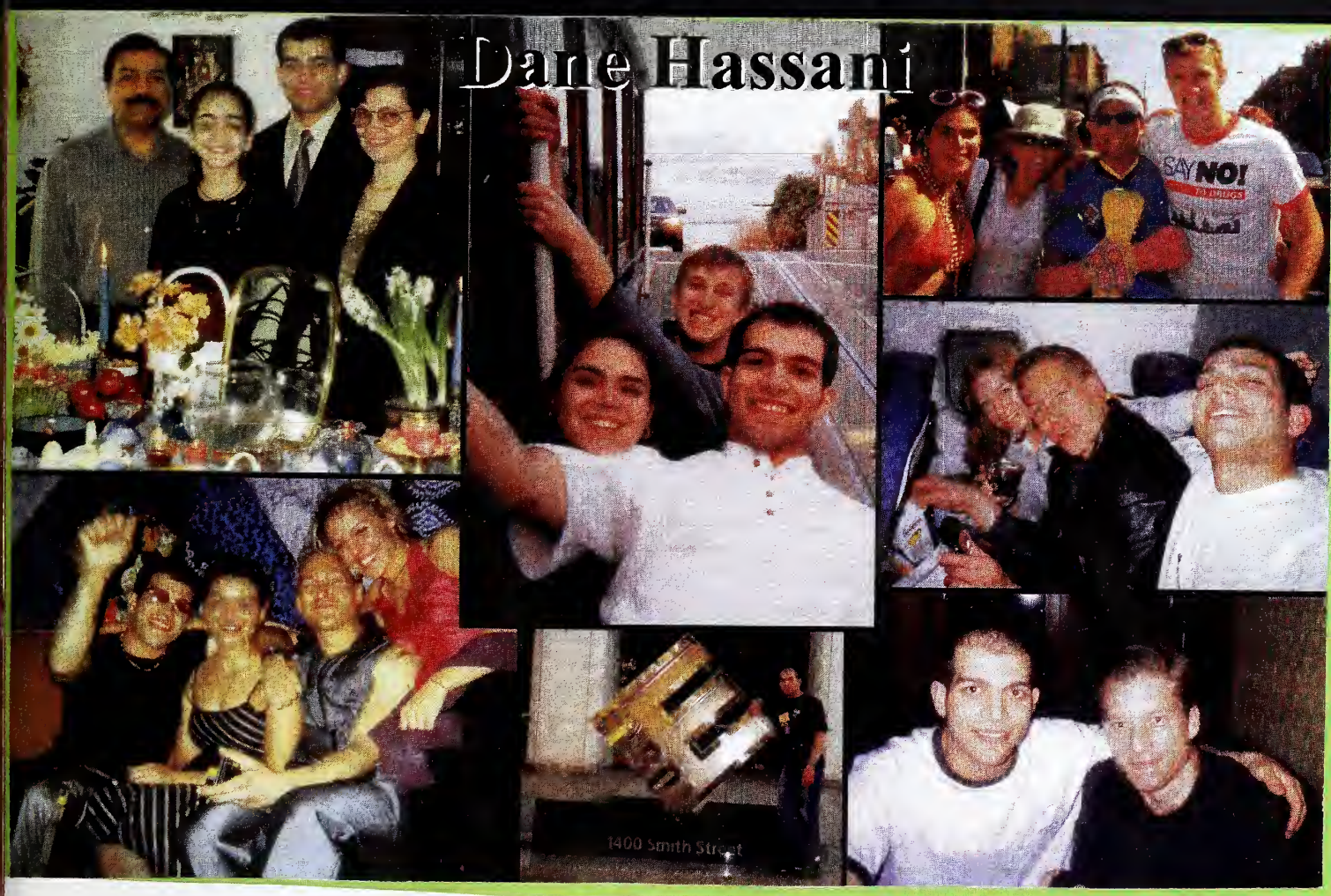
To Lance:
for standing by me, encouraging me and being my biggest fan.
To Anne & Jill:
I could not have made it through this madness w/out you. Thanks for long talks & reminders of why we were doing what we were doing.
Thanks to the many others who have been there along the way.
Most of all, thanks to my Lord Jesus Christ. "I can do everything through Him who gives me strength." (Phil. 4:13)

Jill M. Harrison

Courage may be the most important of all virtues, because without it one cannot practice any other virtue with consistency.

-Maya Angelou

Dane Hassani



Elham Hassen

ank you God!
anks Mom and Dad!
ank you to my wonderful family and friends!
C. Hoppe put it:
ope my achievements in life shall be these-
t I will have fought for what is right and fair,
t I will have risked for that which mattered,
t I will have given help to those who were in need,
t I will have left the earth a better place for what
ave done and who I have been.

Ewa Heller

Forget about the days
when it's been cloudy,
but don't forget your
hours in the sun.
Forget about the times
you've been defeated,
but don't forget
the victories you've won.
Forget about mistakes
that you can't change now,
but don't forget the lessons that you've learned.
Forget about misfortunes you've encountered,
but don't forget the times your luck has turned.
Forget about the days when you've been lonely,
but don't forget the friendly smiles you've seen.
Forget about plans
that didn't seem to work out right,
but don't forget to always have a dream.
By Amanda Bradley

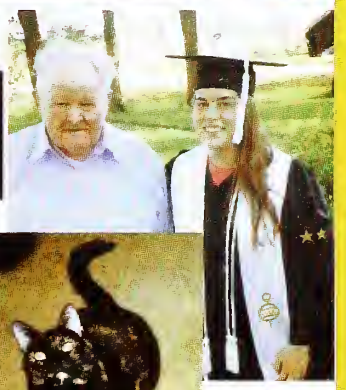
Thanks to my wonderful family and friends for their love and support.
My dreams would not have come true without them!

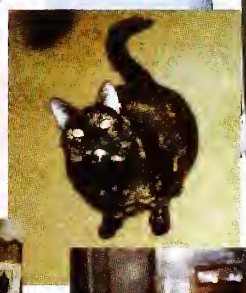
Anna V. Hoekstra

Thanks to my family...
You are my strength, my weakness, and my joy.

Thank you to my parents for showing me how to love people and question institutions. To my sisters for best friendship and understanding. To my niece for rejuvenating me. To my husband, my equal and opposite, who vowed to embark on this adventure with me. And to my classmates with whom I have shared medicine, friendship, and laughter. -Anna

Susan Hungness





Thank you to all my family & friends for all of your love & support: Grandma, Grandpa, Mom, Dad, Lisa & Steve, Stan, Mary & Kent, Uncle Steve, Aunt Pam, Eric & Sarah, Kristen, Kim, Krissy, Jane, Jen, Archana, Smokey, and Amber.

Susan Jacquez-Dean

To my husband and best friend Bobby:

Thank you for your never ending patience, love, and support. I will always remember our 4 am rides to Cook County Hospital together along with the joy and pride I felt when you passed the Illinois Bar. I couldn't have gotten through any of itwithout you. Here's looking forward to many more happy times, the pitter patter of little feet, and a lifetime of love together. You mean the world to me.

To my parents and family:

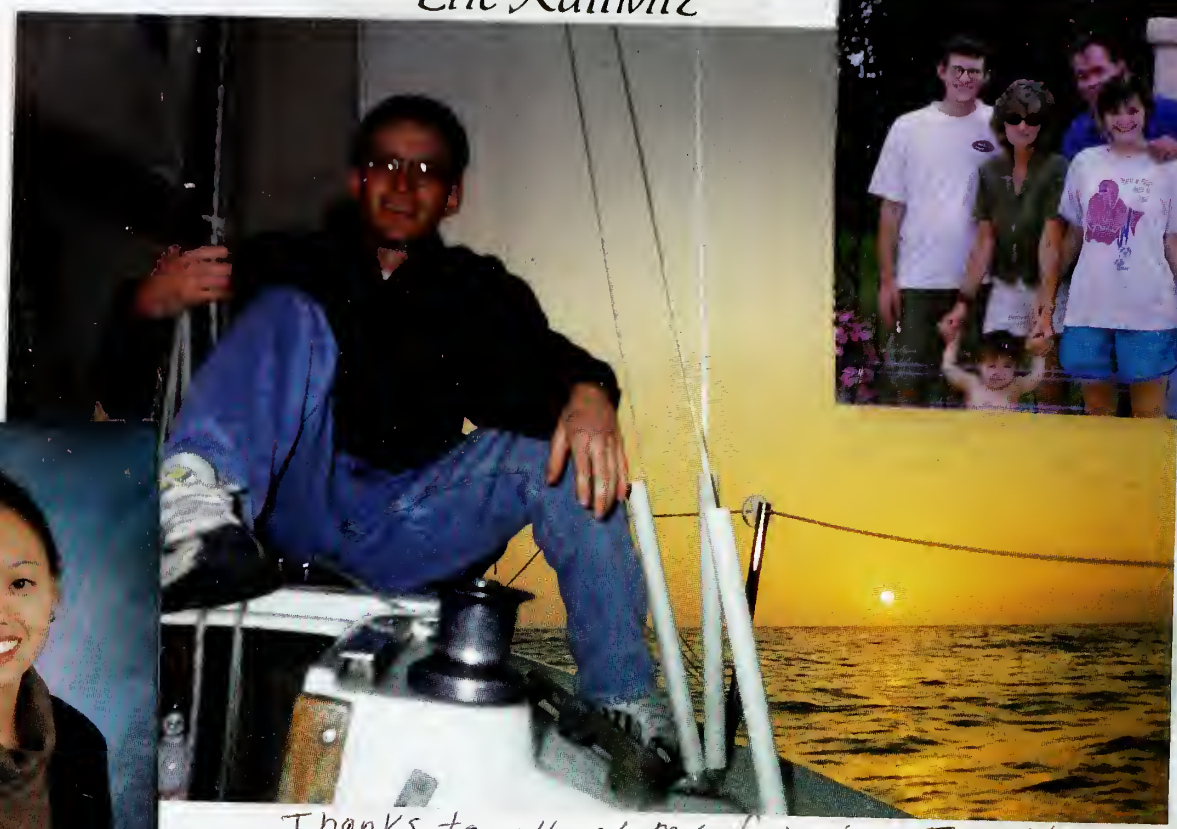
Thank you for your support in so many different ways. You have always been there for me. I couldn't have gotten this far without you. I will be forever grateful for the examples you have set for me and will look forward to watching with you the progress of all my nieces and nephews in this picture.

Love Always,

Susan

Thanks to my family and to Mimi. I love you guys!

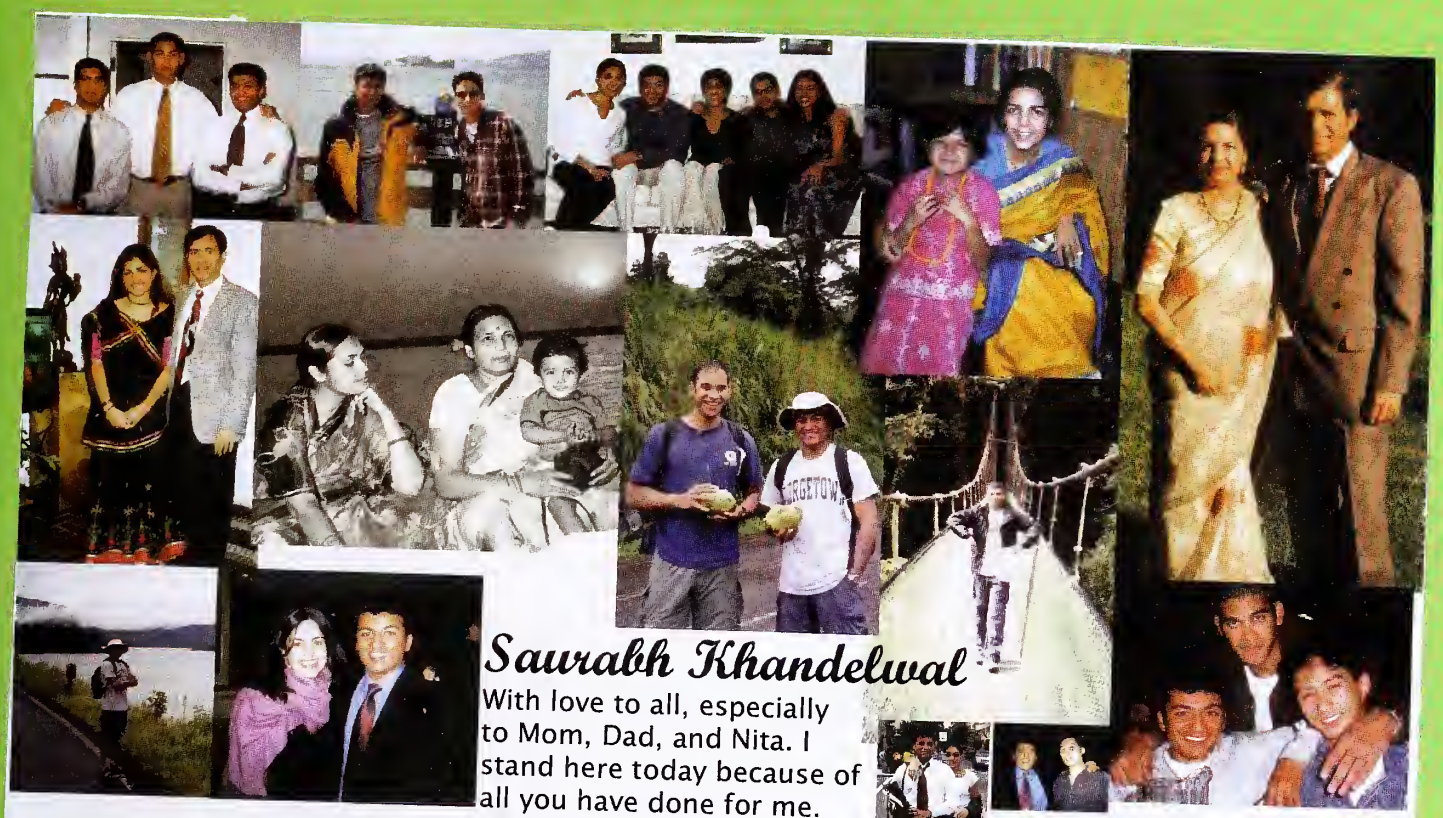
Eric Kallwitz



Thanks to all of my friends. I could not imagine a better school or better friends. Who would have thought this could be fun... Anyways- off in search of a barnes + nobles!

Sarah Kasprowicz

To my parents, who have consistently shown me that perseverance, heart, and humor allow you to accomplish anything.



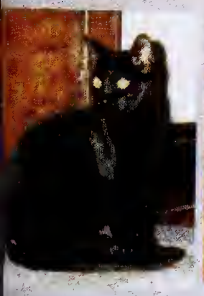
Saurabh Khandelwal

With love to all, especially to Mom, Dad, and Nita. I stand here today because of all you have done for me.

People living deeply have no fear of death. – Anais Nin

Do or do not. There is no try. – Yoda

Doris



Anyone got any kitty-Paxil?

Lulu

A.K.A. Jingle-Monster

Lisa Kozinski

When I really needed a cheerleader...

Your face...

It was a crazy ride, but I wouldn't change a minute of it. Thanks to everyone who helped me get through it!!!

Stephanie Renee Lichten

"A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove. . . But the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child."

Thank you mom and dad for all your love and support. You have made me what I am today. A special thanks to my brother, Jason, for all your advice which helped me make it through medical school. And to Rachel and Sam, thanks for always making me smile. I love you all.

To my loving wife, thank you for your support

Keila Lopez

Quaker, a Gypsy
nd an Orthopod
lk into a bar..."

Look Ma,
no hands!

Best friends

Sao Paulo,
Brasil

Brasil!!!!

Always loved, never forgotten

Congrats class of 2002!!!
I'll miss you! ☺, Keila

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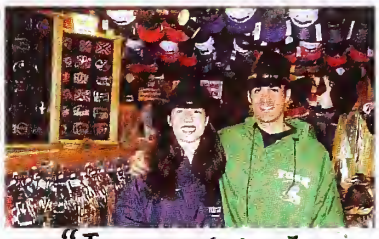

"I want to be
a cowboy..."

Go Bulls

Charlie's Angels

Phillip LoSavio

To my Wife and Family:

Thank you so much for all the love and support you guys gave me all these years. You supported me through good times and bad. I owe all my success to what you taught me.

Love,

Phil

Gina Lowell

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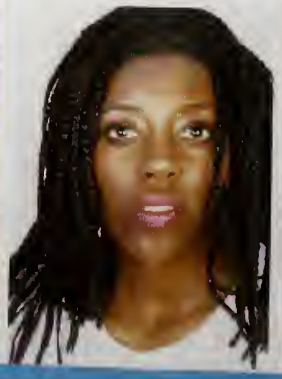
Mana Lumumba-Kasongo

What you don't have you don't need now,
What you don't know you can feel somehow.
-- 'Beautiful Day', U2

To family and friends: Thank you!

I think I knew even back then that life would be a journey, and not a race.



Angelo Malamis

"What I signed on for....."

diving head first

absolute

honduran melons

solitude

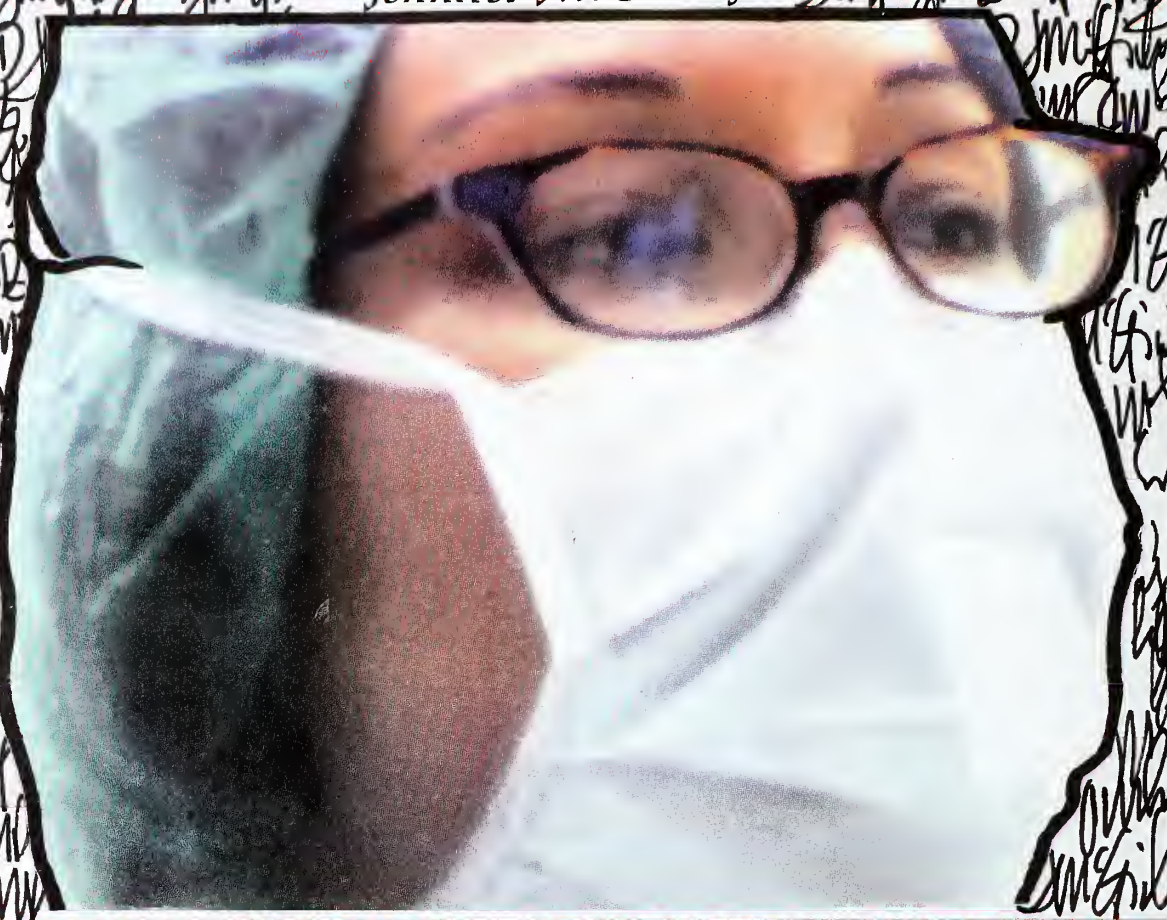
vegas baby, vegas

matching friends

MY BEST TO ALL!!!

woman at my side

Jennifer McGinley



Ravi Menon rav633@yahoo.com

My deepest thanks to friends & family & best wishes to my class!

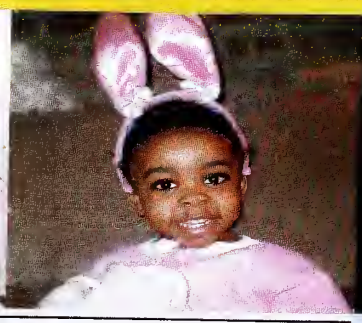
Anca Motaescu

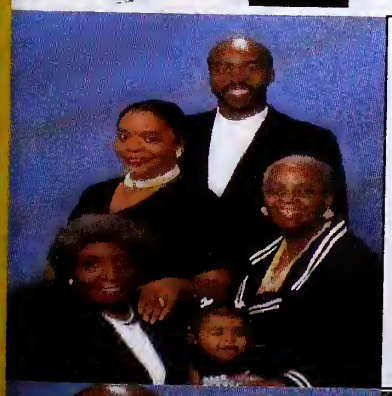
My sister & I

Grandma

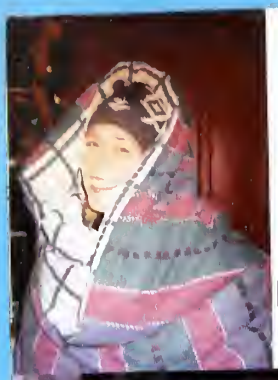
Dad & I

Mom





Do not harden your heart, seek the Lord while He still may be found; call on Him while He is near
Isaiah 55:6
And you shall seek and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart Jeremiah 29:13
Jesus said…I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me
John 14:6
And there is salvation in no other One, for neither is there any other name under Heaven having been given among men by which we must be saved
Acts 4:12



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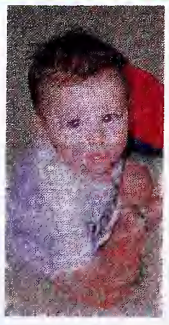
To Family and Friends, Thanks for the Support



The 3 Most Important Things In Life:
1). Family & Friends
2). A Great Round of Golf
3). A Good Cuban Cigar
***I want to thank my parents and "Sud Guru" for their unconditional love and blessings.**

Parag Patel

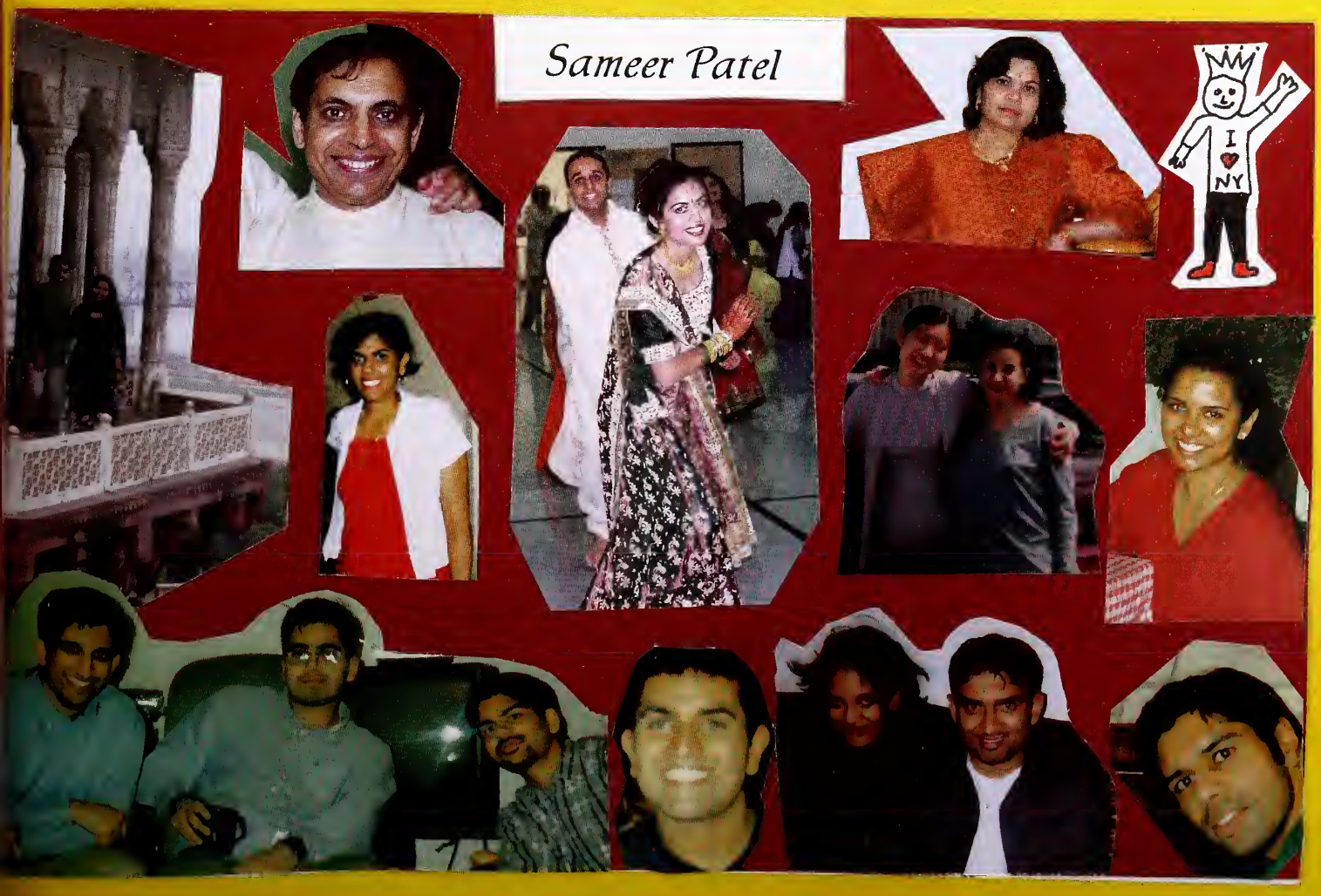
To my family & friends:

Thank you for all of your love and support throughout the years.

To my fellow medical students:

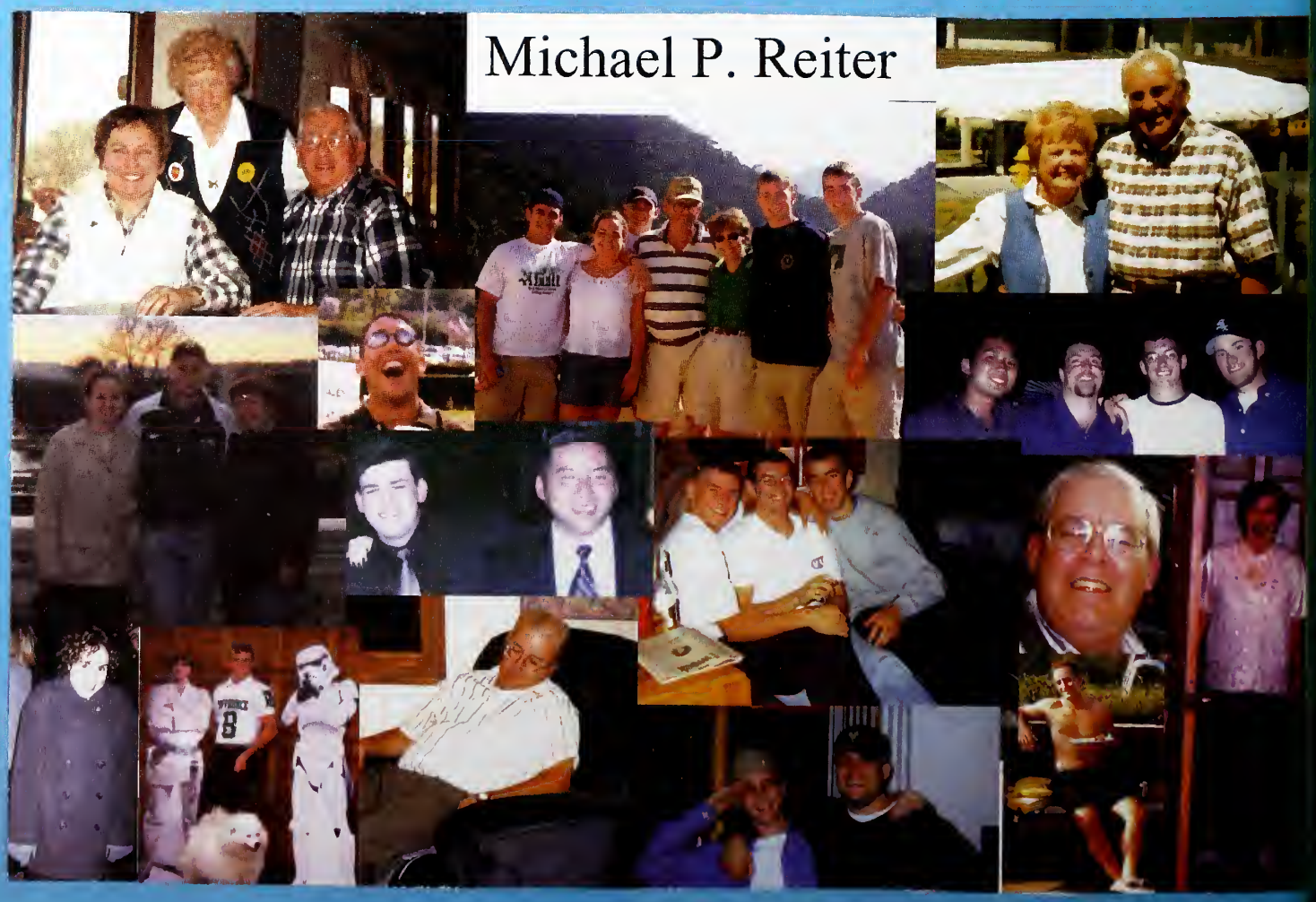
I wish you all the best!

Sameer Patel



Jack Reineck

Michael P. Reiter



Sean Rhyee

"I was looking back to see if you were looking back at me to see me looking back at you"
- Massive Attack

Jason Robin

To my inspiration-
Dad, Grandma,
Papa, Denise,
family and
friends.
Thank You!

Krissy Rooney

James, Ben & Kelsey: I love you all and I'm glad that in the past 4 years we've become closer as brothers and sisters!

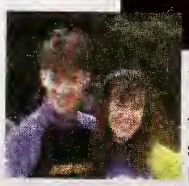
Bubbies: I love you and miss you so much! Move back to Chicago anytime!

Charlie, Marie & Marcie... thank you for putting up with all those late night phone calls and always reassuring me that I would make it through! I will miss ya'll so much!!!

Dad, Mary, Mom & Glen... thank you for all your love and support! I couldn't have made it without any of you!!

Sue... You will always be my "B" - don't ever forget it!! We've had some great times, haven't we? Archana... we will miss you so much! Did someone say roadtrip? Jane... late night drinks via phone, "Rooms With A View", contemplating all the meaningless things in life, & all my really dumb "great ideas" - thanks for putting up with so much! You've been a true frien

Anne Schulze



Reka, Andrea, Marjie, Jill, and Kate (not in this picture) - They were my roommates (and honorary roommate), my friends, and co-stars in our TV show! I learned more about faith and love from living with these women... And I taught them about hope, as in, "I hope Anne dusts sometime this year." Even with 4 people smashed into a 2 bedroom apartment, with them I always had a home, not just a place to live.

Steve, Cory, Red, and Dave - My friends since high school, these guys taught me how to ski, how to move construction horses under cover of darkness, and how to diagnose appendicitis. They mean the world to me!

The 118th Psalm is about giving thanks to God for all he has done for us . . .

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; his love endures forever.

Psalm 118

Steve Ptaszynski (with Zip) - I could not even begin to describe how our relationship has made my life so much better and so much more... interesting. His love, honesty, strength, and truly unique perspective have been a constant source of refreshment and joy to me. I can't wait to find what the rest of our lives will bring us!

My family: Mom, Kate, Dad, and Grandpa (and my Grandparents Anderson, not in this picture) - Their love and encouragement from as early as I can remember allowed me to believe in myself. I am so thankful for their involvement in my life! Don't you think I come from a family of nice noses?

Thanks and good luck to all!

. . . so I'd like to say, "Thank God We're Done!"
No, I really mean it! Say "Thank you!"

Neil Seif

Thank you to my family and friends for all your love and support.

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Najah Senno

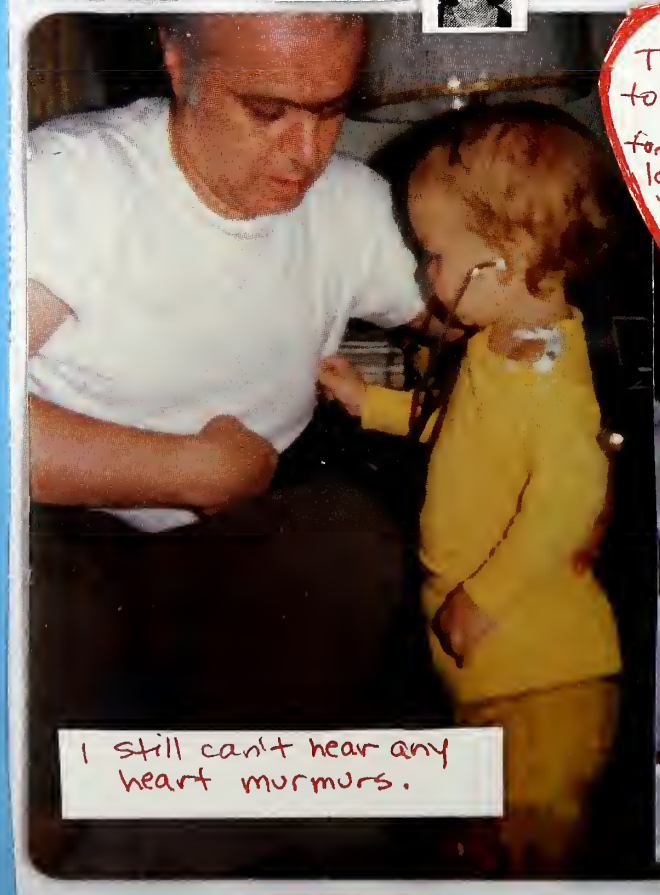
THANKS to MOM + PAPA! for your neverending love + support. You are my inspiration, I love you.

HONORABLE MENTIONS

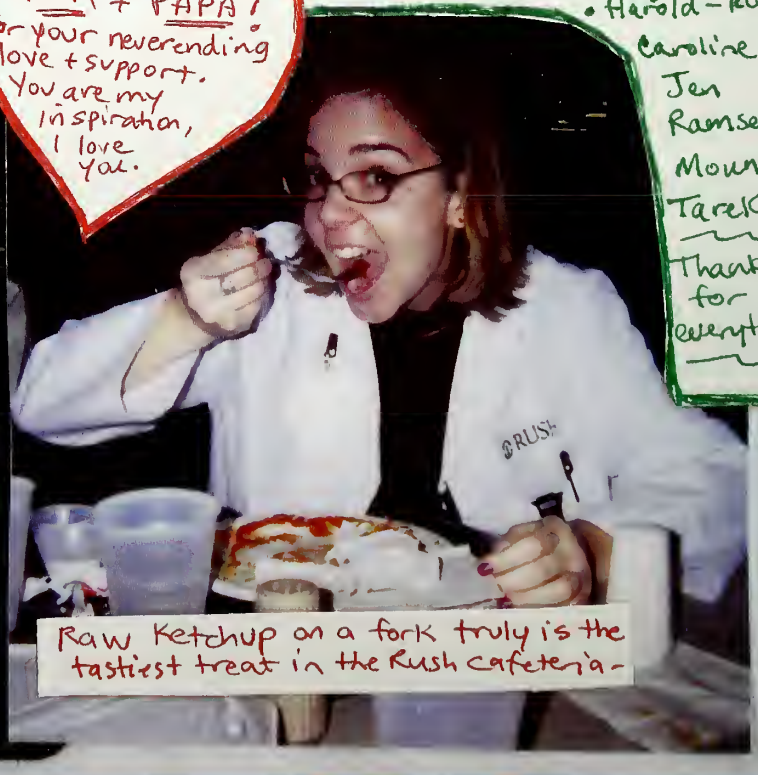
- Christina - like ahmigawd, you were lahk so cool
- Mike - you may be dumb but at least you're funny looking
- Harold - ROYGHT.

Caroline,
Jen
Ramsey
Mouna
Tarek

Thanks for everything!



I still can't hear any heart murmurs.



Raw Ketchup on a fork truly is the tastiest treat in the Rush cafeteria-

This half page is dedicated to the loving memory of TURKEY + TAFA.

Sujal Shah

Thanks mom, dad, Seema and all my friends for getting me this far!

KATIE SHARKEY

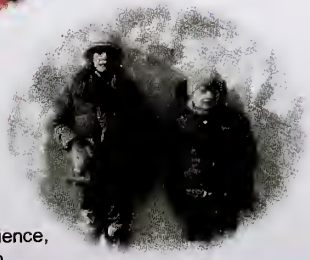
Love and thanks to my parents, **Jeff and Maggie**, for believing in me my whole life; to my husband **Keith** -- I wouldn't have made it without you and I love you very much; to my family, my friends, my classmates from the Classes of 1998 and 2002; my teachers and my patients! Good luck and **have fun** everybody!!

I could give all to Time except – except
What I myself have held. But why declare
The things forbidden that while the Customs slept
I have crossed to safety with? For I am There
And what I would not part with I have kept.
Robert Frost

Always keep Ithaca fixed in your mind.
To arrive there is your ultimate goal.
But do not hurry the voyage at all.
It is better to let it last for long years;
and even to anchor at the isle when you are old,
rich with all that you have gained on the way,
not expecting that Ithaca will offer you riches.

Ithaca has given you the beautiful voyage.
Without her you would never have taken the road.
But she has nothing more to give you.

And if you find her poor, Ithaca has not defrauded you.
With the great wisdom you have gained, with so much experience,
you must surely have understood by then what Ithacas mean.
Cavafy, 1911



Gregory Singer
A journey so enlightening,
ephemeral but enduring.
Impossible without support,
love, and patience.
Thanks

Crystal Smith
Pokémon
Gotta catch 'em all!

It's not the things you do in life that you should regret...
It's the things you don't do.

Harold Sy
6/8/2002

Bradford Thompson

Natasha Travis

Mom and Dad always told me that I could be anything I wanted to be.

With persistent encouragement and the ability to hope, I have reached my goal.

To my dearest friends and family: Thank you for reminding me to accept those things I cannot change, to change those I can, and to pray to know the difference.

I did it Mom and Dad!

Batul Valika

To all my friends and family: Thank you for all your support and love.

To my new husband and family: you made medical school just a little easier to deal with.

To my AC family without which the first two years would have been impossible, my undying gratitude for having been a part of your life and for you to have been a part of mine; my best friends and my respected colleagues, thank you.

Galina Vugman

For your support and love, I thank you.

Jill (Maulding) Wang

My family has been a source of unending support. Besides giving me food, money and clean clothes, they have listened to my stories of interesting patients and lessons learned. Thank you, Mom, Dad, Jon and Anne for going through med school with me. Are you glad it's finally over?

Reflections on Medical School

(an assessment of the last 4 years)

It's been a long and arduous journey, sprinkled with some incredible memories and experiences. Sometimes I'm still amazed that I'm even here...

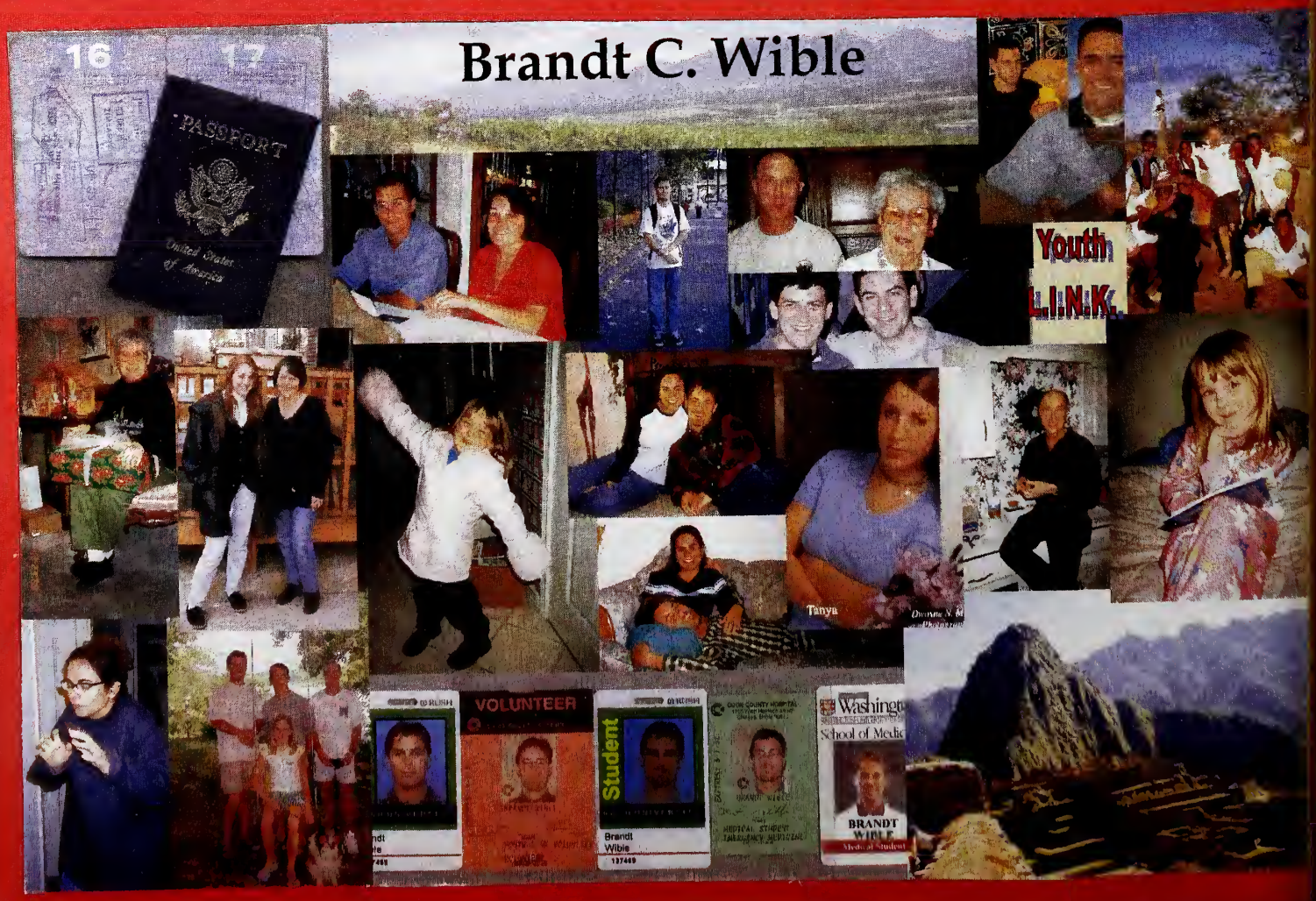
...But this is where **God** directed my path, and He is the one who deserves the credit for helping and sometimes carrying me through the long nights of study or call, the long months of learning and other challenges to my endurance. I have learned to trust Him more for all I need. Thank you, Lord Jesus, for helpng me not just to survive but to flourish.

My roommates have given me a home I'm happy to return to as well as many fun hours of hanging out, studying, etc. When I think of these past 4 years, you, Anne, Marjie, Andrea, Kate, and Reka (honorary roommate) are the ones I remember, the ones I've shared life with. If just for the experience of knowing all of you, medical school would have been worth it.

Another benefit of my years at Rush has been meeting **Andy**, my soon-to-be-husband. He has been able to support me in a special way, as one who has navigated the path ahead of me. From teaching me his own mneumonic for the diagnosis of major depressive disorder on our 1st unofficial date to always having a listening and understanding ear, he has been an awesome partner to have on my team. It seems a shame that we didn't figure out how compatible we were until you were about to graduate, but even dating you from afar has been wonderful. How much better will it be when we're finally together?

There are many more I'll remember from these years: the encouragement of my CMA friends, the camaraderie of the other 9th floor late night studiers, the shared suffering (& learning) of my fellow rotaters. I'm so glad to have met you all. And now it starts all over again....

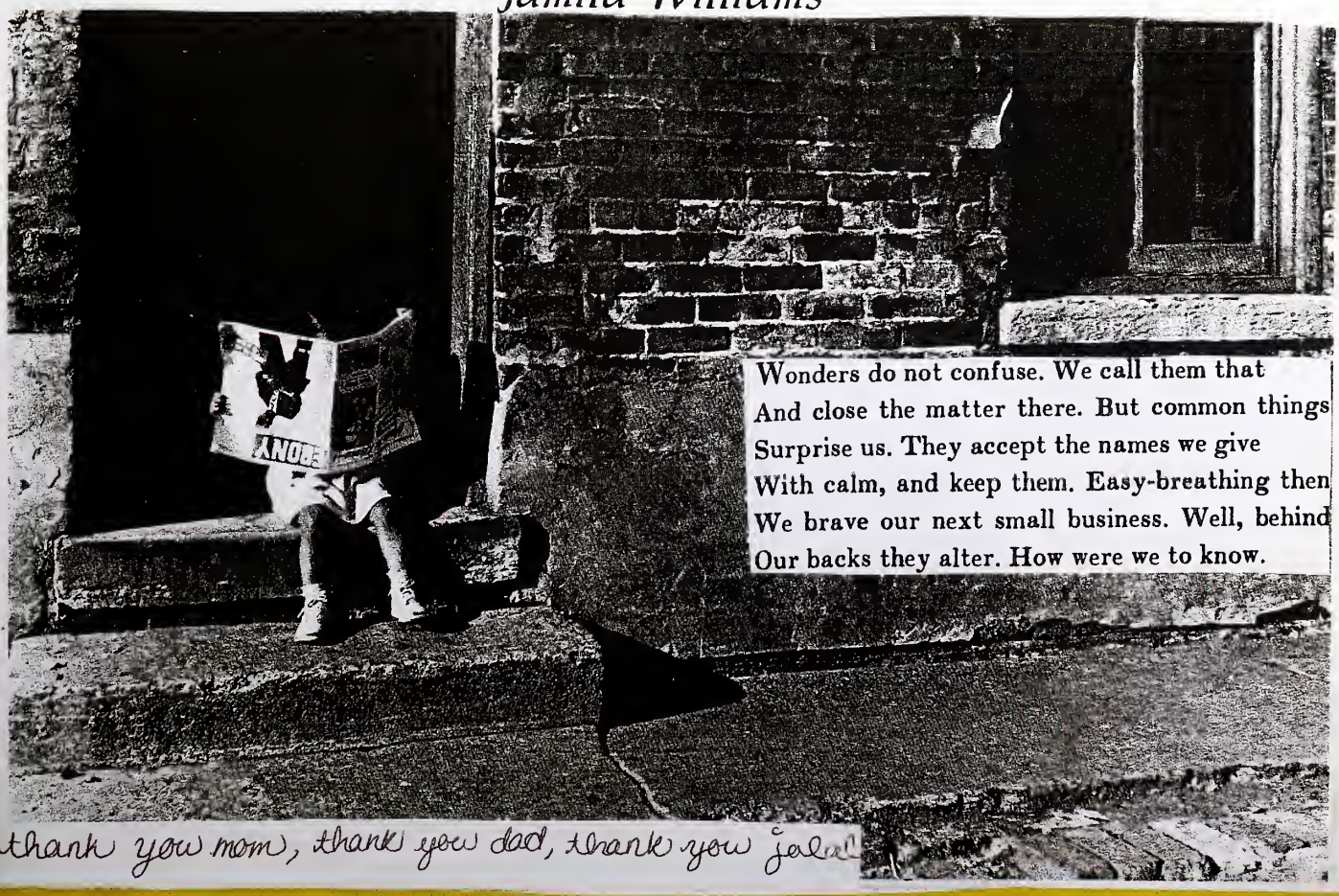
Brandt C. Wible



Amy Wilder

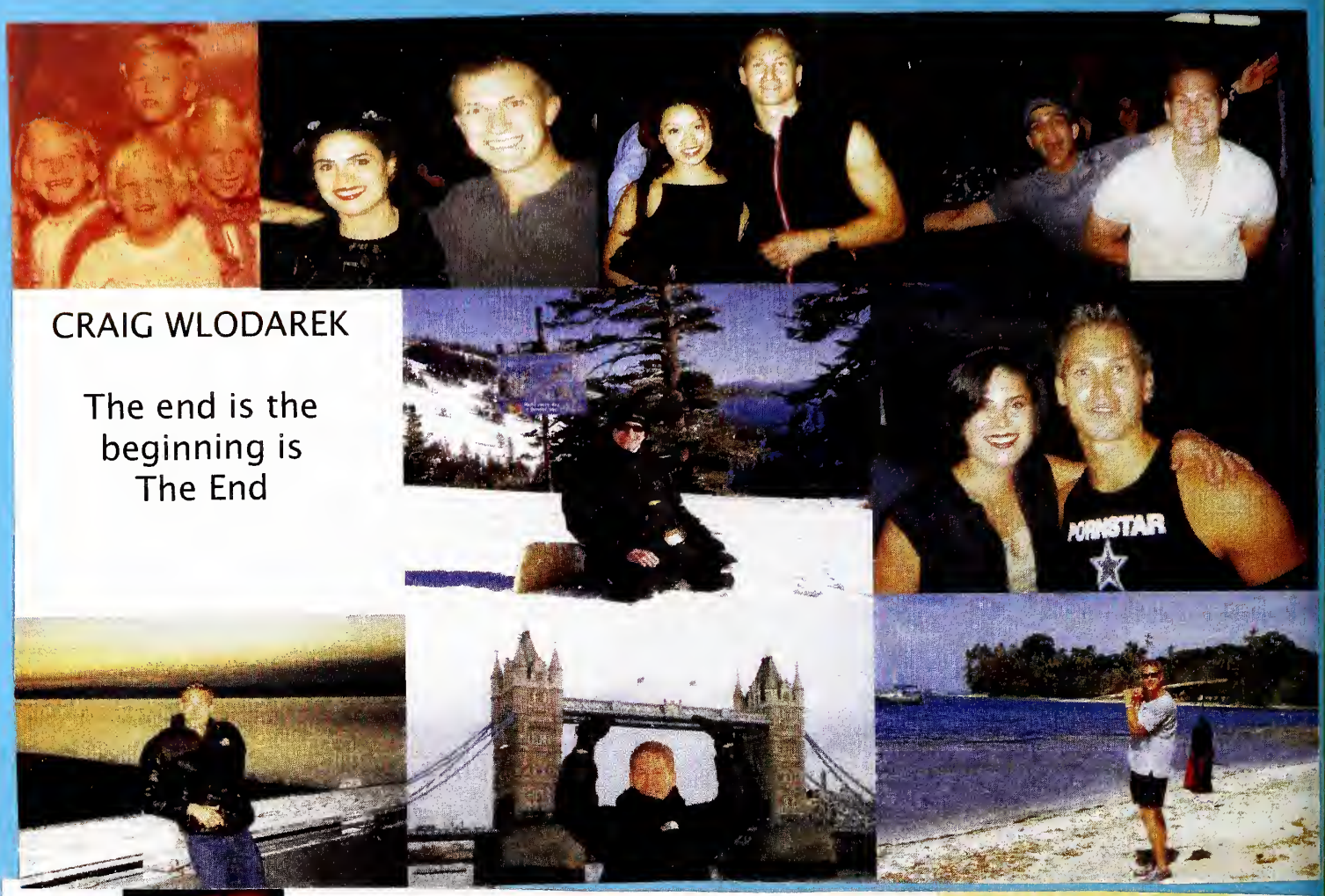
to be famous....
one day, Harold and I will perform a miraculous and successful surgery on mister owen in his teen years (people age late sixties) to restore his vision! and you will all read about the 3 of us in star magazine :)

Jamila Williams



thank you mom, thank you dad, thank you jalal

Gwendolyn Brooks': The artist's medal and W.F. Mason: S. Sicle of Chicago



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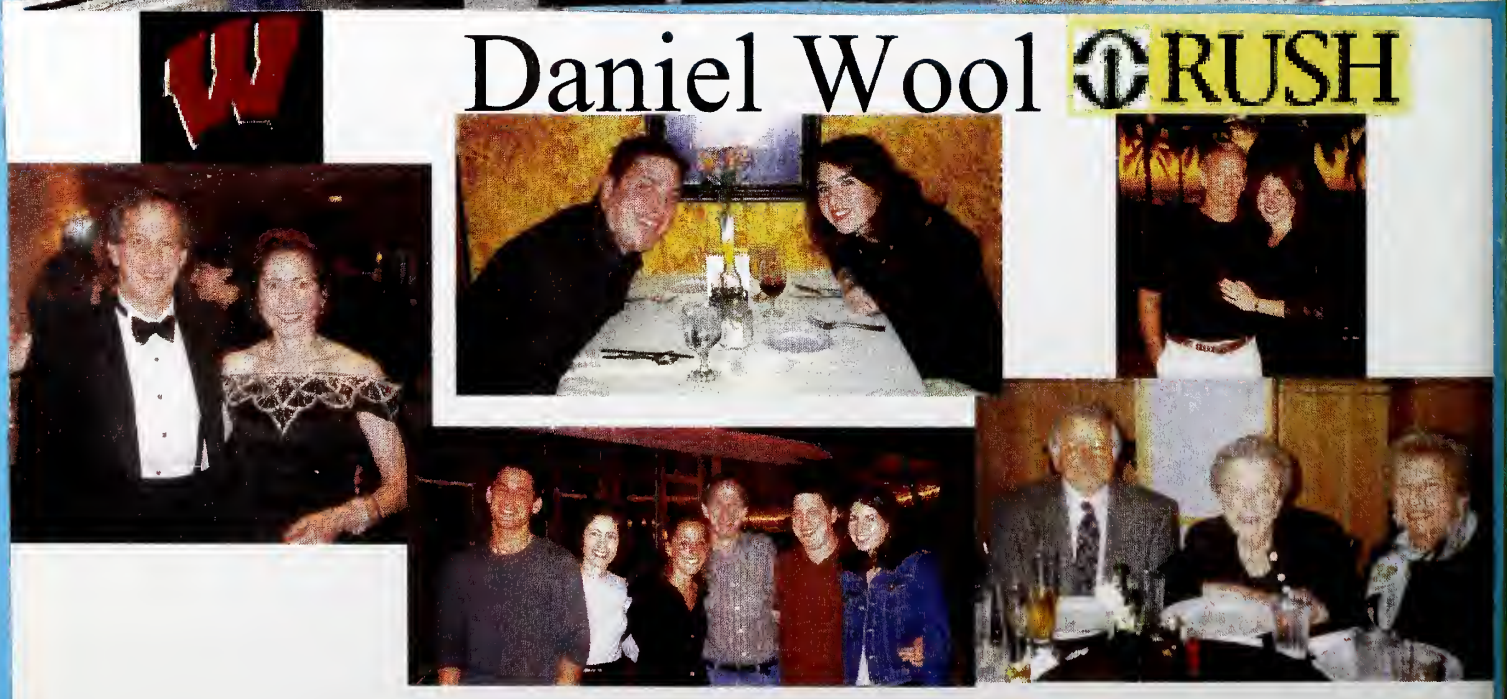


-Sara, Mom, Dad, Andy, Laura, Jerry, Linda, Grandma, Grandpa, Dorothy and Betsy: Thank you for all of your support and understanding. I could not have made it without you!

-The Class of 2002 - I'll never forget the long hours in the library, the time spent on the wards, and the fun we had together.

"It's better to keep your mouth shut and appear stupid than to open it and remove all doubt."

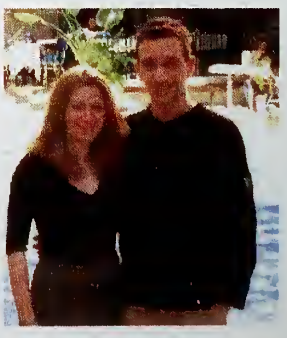
Joann Yocom

Alexander Zartaisky

"It's a long way to the top
if you wanna rock-n-roll"

AC/DC

Sofia Zats



The true worth of your travels lies not in where you come to be at journey's end, but in who you come to be along the way.

– Anonymous

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This yearbook is brought to you by:

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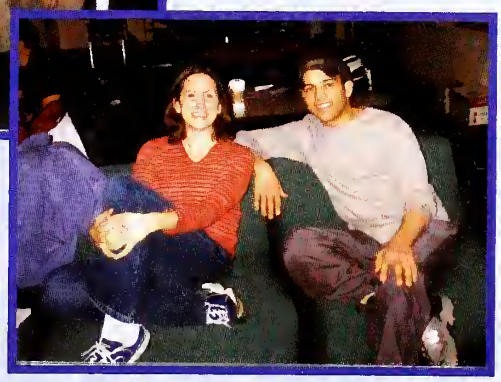

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In life's journey, many paths intersect with our own. To have traveled together as we have done over the past four (or so) years is an exceptional gift. We came together expecting to be educated about the fascinating workings of the human body. We quickly learned that the human body, as interesting and complicated as it is, does not compare to the human being, and we immersed ourselves in the process of becoming physicians.

We have now reached a crossroads, each prepared to continue our own unique voyage. We have come so far together; now let us take a moment to appreciate all the people who contributed to our arrival here. The clinicians, professors, support staff, family, and friends who supported, encouraged, and inspired us to reach this point are too numerous to thank, but we would like to highlight a few.

In Gross Anatomy we learned that the body we spent so much time with was the generous gift of a person who chose to invest in the education of future physicians, sight unseen. It was the first tangible symbol of the sacred trust that is bestowed upon us when we wear that title. Most of the time we were so entangled with the seemingly insurmountable task of mastering the information that perhaps we forgot what a generous gift that was. So let's take a moment now to appreciate those who dedicated their bodies for the betterment of our knowledge.

During the pre-clinical years, we were taught by people who devote their careers to sorting through the vast array of information available and sifting it down into manageable portions for us to attempt to master in two short years. To the professors, committees, administrative and support staff who spent innumerable hours preparing a basic science curriculum that serves as a strong foundation for our future as physicians, you have our sincere thanks.

How quickly the clinical years were upon us. With excitement, and a little trepidation, we donned our short white coats, or our blue surgical scrubs, and headed to the wards. There, supportive people encouraged us and helped our fledgling clinical skills to grow. The residents talked us through our first clinical procedures, and taught us everything from auscultation to interpreting X-Rays. The nurses and ancillary staff cared for our patients. The senior residents sat patiently by our side as we painstakingly prepared our four page H & Ps. The Attending physicians taught us, guided us, sometimes grilled us, and always challenged us. We are so grateful to all of you. Thank you for the time and energy you dedicated to sharing your knowledge with us.

We owe a great debt of gratitude to the patients we had the privilege of caring for. They placed their trust in us, shared with us their very personal stories, and allowed us to examine them and learn with them about their illnesses. We learned the most from them. We cannot thank all the people who contributed to our education, but we can honor them by the way we choose to practice medicine in the future. Our hope is that we will not just care for people, but about them as well.

Our deepest thanks go to our classmates who shared this journey with us. This book is dedicated to you. We have studied, grown, and laughed together; befriended, encouraged, sustained, and challenged each other; and even loved one another. It is with great honor that we call you colleagues and friends. Congratulations, doctors. We wish you all the best for a bright, healthy and successful future. Enjoy wrapping your fingers around this book and savoring the moment. What a journey it has been!